

Like a phoenix from the ashes

Architects from Tappe' Associates have worked diligently to see that the Swain School lives on within the design of Wilmington's new library. A full set of preliminary sketches and plans are on display at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Middlesex Avenue.

Library plans unveiled

Attending public supportive

By **STEPHEN BJORK**

WILMINGTON - Preliminary design plans for the proposed library to be constructed on the site of the Swain School were unveiled on Thursday, January 13. The meeting, held at Wilmington Memorial Library, began with a PowerPoint presentation by Jeffrey Hoover and Anthony 'Tappe', of the architectural firm of Tappe' Associates, and closed with a brief question and answer segment.

Hoover explained that the Swain School, which will be demolished should the town chooses to accept these plans, is providing a lead for the appearance of the new library. "The architectural design of the Swain will create a precedent for the design of the new library," said Hoover.

The rendering of the proposed building illustrated Hoover's point showing a red brick building with parapet.

"The design captures the clas-

sical architecture of the Swain inside and out, but with contemporary touches to imply that this is a library for the twenty-first century," said Hoover. "We're pretty excited about its architectural identity while meeting all the requirements of the program."

Residents in attendance offered unified support for the preliminary plans with several complimenting the proposed building's architectural echo of the Swain.

The plans call for a 34,000 square foot building, as opposed to the current 15,000 square foot library. The Swain, with three floors making up a total of approximately 11,000 square feet, is set on a footprint of approximately 4,000 square feet.

The building will include primary entrances in the front, facing the Town Common, and on the side, facing the Fourth of July Building.

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Why now? Who decides?

What are the pros and cons of a new library?

By **STEPHEN BJORK**

WILMINGTON - Despite all of the discussions and planning, the fate of a new Wilmington library is still very much up in the air. There are still a number of hurdles for proponents of the project to overcome. After all is said and done, the residents will have the final say on whether or not a new library is in the cards for Wilmington.

The upcoming Annual Town Meeting in May will provide the first opportunity for all Wilmington residents to voice their opinion on the matter. The Town Meeting format provides every registered voter residing in Wilmington with a forum to speak and to cast a vote on matters pertaining to the town.

The upcoming Annual Town Meeting will not ask for the approval of any funds for the project. Instead, a warrant article for the library will ask only for approval of the plans and for authorization to apply

for a state grant; a grant which could provide up to \$3 million towards the construction costs associated with a new library. Should residents vote to approve that article, it will not provide authorization for any funds to be expended by the Town for the construction of a new library.

Assuming authorization to apply is obtained at Town Meeting, the Town expects to receive notification in July as to whether or not the town will be awarded grant money. By July, construction costs associated with the project will have been determined to some degree of accuracy. Proponents have thus far estimated the cost of the project to come in at approximately \$11 million.

If Wilmington is awarded the grant money, a Special Town Meeting will be called for the express purpose of asking residents for the approval to raise

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'Strings Attached'

Musical group of Wilmington students heading to Ireland this year

By **ANDREA MACMULLIN**

WILMINGTON - Eighteen years ago, the "first twelve brave souls" joined Ward Dilmore in the strings-only instrumental musical group aptly named "Strings Attached." Today, the group has grown to 325 students, and is Dilmore's pride and joy.

Dilmore, a music instructor for the Wilmington Public Schools saw the need for such a group.

"I saw the benefits of belonging to a group, such as sports," Dilmore said. "So I started 'Strings Attached.'"

The group plays the string instruments of violin, viola,

cello, and bass.

"We never compete with each other or other groups," Dilmore said. "We strive to be better than we were yesterday. The rewards are the pride from our families and the ability to do challenging things."

The group does more than just music. Seniors travel to Boston shelters to give clothes and a concert.

"It's a matter of giving back to the community," Dilmore said. "It's a circular flow with a wonderful spirit."

In the past, the group raised money for the sign in front of Wilmington High School.

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Town Meeting vote stands

Foreclosed property remains under Conservation Commission control

By **STEPHEN BJORK**

WILMINGTON - The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously not to vacate the foreclosure of a property located between Floradale Avenue and Towpath Road upholding the overwhelming vote of town meeting to transfer the care, control, and custody of the land to the Wilmington Conservation Commission.

The land was taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes through a foreclosure issued by the Massachusetts Land Court. Taxes on the property had not been paid for 11 years at the time of the taking. Attorney Daniel Brown, representing James Tighe; one of the former property owners of the parcel, petitioned the Board to vacate the foreclosure in return for the

full payment of back taxes.

"By statute, the property owner has up to one year to request the vacating of the decision to foreclose," Brown said. "That motion was denied by the Land Court, but an appeal is pending."

According to Brown the ongoing appeal process provides the Town with the ability to make a decision in the matter before a final decision of the Land Court is rendered.

"We are one minute to midnight before this becomes an ultimate finality," Brown said.

Brown told the Board that the taxes were defaulted on for a number of reasons and that Tighe had no control of the financial aspects of the three

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The Tech teaches from the ground up

Students learn the ins and outs of building houses

By **STEPHEN BJORK**

WILMINGTON - Shawsheen Valley Technical High School students get the opportunity to apply top level classroom education and shop instruction to real world experience in off-campus projects.

Each year, as part of the Construction Cluster's curriculum, Shawsheen Tech students gain the invaluable experience of building a house from start to finish with resources from a landowner in one of the five towns from which students originate.

Currently, Shawsheen Tech enrollment includes 249 Wilmington students and 320 Tewksbury students.

This year's house building project is taking place on Mill Road in Wilmington. The process for choosing a property begins with a detailed application process. An applicant is then selected by lottery after fulfilling all project requirements. A contract is signed, and the foundation is poured during the summer months.

Shawsheen Tech students begin construction in the fall working on every aspect of house building: framing, plumbing, electrical, masonry, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. By the conclusion of the school year, a finished house stands - a testament to the knowledge and expertise of the students.

From the perspective of program instructors, the learning experience is beneficial in many ways. Students receive valuable, real-world experience by being on a job site while developing their technical construction skills.

"It's tremendous seeing a house this size going up," said

on-site carpentry instructor Bill Lannon. "They are going to be getting experience in every aspect that this trade has to offer - that is the beauty of this project. Some students may go on to work as finish carpenters, some may become framers, and some may do siding and roof-



Dan Spurr of Wilmington takes a break from nailing off plywood roof sheathing at the school's house building project in Wilmington. In addition to a tool belt, Dan is wearing an OSHA compliant Personal Fall Arrest Systems (PFAS). (courtesy photo)

ing. They are exposed to all of it here, and it will allow them to make better decisions with regards to future career paths."

The crew is also exposed to the elements, on-the-job pitfalls, and safety issues. Rain, snow, and cold don't keep them

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No ordinary 'Hat Day'

West Elementary School Students raise thousands for tsunami relief effort

By **ANDREA MACMULLIN**

WILMINGTON - Students clad in anything from baseball caps to homemade contraptions for their heads came bounding into the West Elementary School in Wilmington on January 12.

This wasn't just any ordinary "Hat Day," along with wearing hats, students and faculty made donations to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

"There was a lot of interest in the school to raise money for the victims in Indonesia, so we decided to have a 'Hat Day,'" West Elementary School Principal Richard Gorham said. "We invited the children to wear a hat and bring in a donation."

Bring in a donation they did. In just one day, the school raised \$3,071.96, and the money is still coming in. The school had close to 100% participation from students and staff. The fourth and fifth grade elementary school,

with only 317 students, raised funds far beyond their expectations.

"It's wonderful for that number of students to bring in that amount," Gorham said.

The students and their families were simply asked to be as generous as their means would allow. The generosity from the students came in nickels and dimes, all the

way up to checks for one hundred dollars.

Upon arrival that morning, students entered the school lobby to a poster and display area, made especially for the event by the school's secretary, Mrs. Collings. Also on hand to help out was Mrs. Collings' grown children, Sarah and Buck. The two stamped the hands of children as they made their donations; an indication that they had given to the relief fund. Mr. Gorham indicated that Sarah and Buck were very instrumental with the success of the fundraiser.

"The parents, staff and children were wonderful in their donations and generosity," Gorham said. "It's a wonderful sign of commitment and caring."

"Hat Day" is nothing new to the West Elementary School. Mrs. Collings began making hats for Mr. Gorham for such occasions, and has acquired quite a collection. The hats made by Collings are always fun, and sometimes a little silly.

"It keeps the atmosphere warm and conducive to learning," Gorham said.

Earlier in the week to prepare for this very special "Hat Day", Mr. Gorham wore more than ten different hats, just to show the kids that "it's o.k. to look silly." This time, being a little silly in school paid off.



You had to make a donation if you wanted to wear a hat on Hat Day. With nearly 100 percent participation, the West Elementary School raised thousands of dollars for the tsunami relief effort. Hidden somewhere in this Town Crier is a picture of Principal Gorham with a very dignified hat. (courtesy photo)

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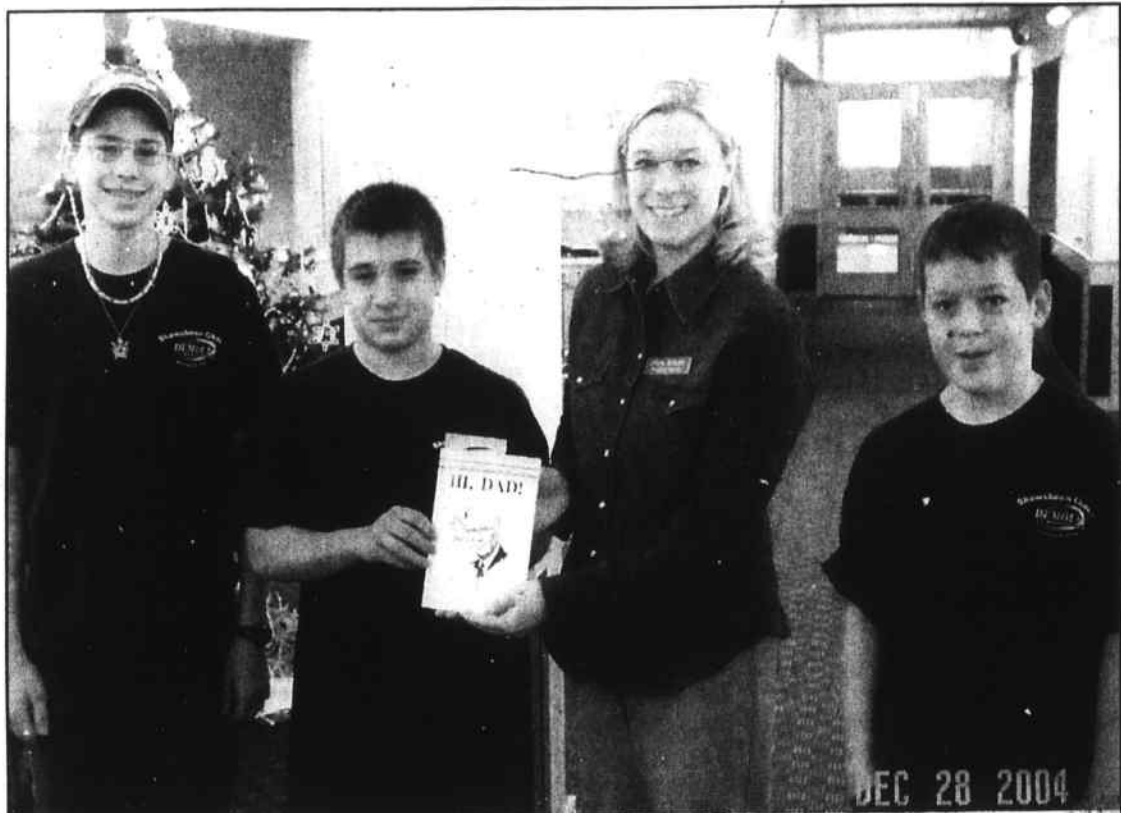




In Wilmington Lee Patterson, Bill Medugno, Chris Fowler, and Linda Callahan called on Reference Librarian with the biography of the founder of DeMolay.

New Shawsheen Chapter of DeMolay presents libraries with books

On December 28, 2004, Shawsheen Chapter Order of DeMolay presented the Tewksbury Public Library and Wilmington Memorial Library with a book titled, "Hi, Dad" by Herbert Ewing Duncan, which is a biography of Frank S. Land who founded the Order of DeMolay in 1919. This book was presented in observance of Frank S. Land Memorial Day. DeMolay is a fraternal organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. The young men are members of Shawsheen Chapter. The chapter is newly formed and recruits members from Tewksbury, Billerica, and Wilmington. If you would like further information on this organization please feel free to contact William Medugno at 978-658-2838.



Assistant Director of Tewksbury Library, Patti DiTullio accepted the gift from memebers of the Shawsheen DeMolay chapter Chris Fowler, Bill Medugno and Lee Patterson.

Wilmington High School students attend history conference

On January 7, 2005 forty-two Honors history students from Wilmington High School traveled to Framingham State College to attend the 32nd Annual Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society High School Conference at Framingham State College. Since September, the students have been researching topics provided by the History Department at the college. Some of the topics researches included "Reagan: Was He a Great President?", "Technology and How it Shaped the 20th Century" "The Voting Rights Act of 1965: A 40 year Perspective". The students participated in two seminars, one on the topic of their research and one that they selected. They met students from other high schools and were able to engage in debates and exchange ideas. Kristen Hartka received an Honorable Mention Award for her research on the topic "Who was more important to Russian History: Peter the Great or Catherine the Great?" The students were accompanied by their teachers Brian Carr and Abigail Russell.



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From the Editor's Desk

By Stephen P. Bjork

We've got a lot of opinions on our Opinion Page, so I guess I can hold onto my two cents - for now...

It's great to see the letters coming in, but we can always fit more. We haven't heard much from our friends in Tewksbury recently and we miss you.

Tewksbury has a lot going on right now.

Thanks in large part to the hard work of Tewksbury officials, the source of perchlorate found in Tewksbury's water was identified and successfully addressed.

Kudos to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager David Cressman for pushing DEP into investigating the source instead of following the recommended action of dilution.

Speaking of Tewksbury selectmen, you've got a very interesting race brewing.

There's only one seat up for grabs this year and it currently belongs to the ever controversial Doug Sears.

Doug's seat is being challenged by former Police Chief John Mackey.

Anyone who attended or watched any of the Mills Study Committee meetings last year will be keeping a close eye on that race.

There's plenty going on over there on the other side of Route 38 and we'd love to know how you feel about all of it.

Letters to the editor

What homes are in the area of the Recycling Center?

Dear Editor,

I am very concerned about the decision to close the existing yardwaste facility. I agree there is room for improvement, but the closing or relocating makes no sense. The hours of operation as they stand presently only facilitate contractors. What homeowner can get to the compost pile before 2:30 p.m. on a weekday? The only people using the facility all week long are landscape contractors and retired folks. The facility would better serve the public if it were only opened on weekends and eliminated the allowing of contractors. Stickers for automobiles could be purchased by residents to offset the cost of oper-

ation.

What homes in the area are affected by the smell? I use the facility every weekend and the only property owners are a septic company, a gas station and one new house that was just built. If this change is being implemented for any of these residents there is something wrong. The purchaser of the new home should have known what they were buying and the septic company should breathe the fresh air compost provides (it beats the odor from their trucks).

As for the gas station - too bad.

Stephen Brown
Wilmington

No one will ever forget Susan Larsen

Dear Town Crier

Thank you for your January 12, 2005 article, "Who could ever forget Susan Larsen?"

I met Mrs. Larsen in 1969; and, like other Wilmington/Tewksbury residents, helped her daily with tasks she was unable to do. I was at the hospital in 1977 and held her hand as she quietly passed over.

Since 1970 I took care of her family gravesite on Laurel Ave in Wildwood Cemetery. One day she asked me, "Who will take care of my grave when I'm gone?" I said "I will as long as I was able."

In August 2003, I discovered her two grey planters had been moved to the left beside a pink stone. I called the DPW office

and later hand-delivered a lengthy-requested letter.

DPW's return letter to me requesting another letter from me. I would have to contact pink stone or I could file a police report. The police didn't feel this was their affair but suggested that I put the planters back onto the Larsen grave, which I did. Within days the grey planters were back on pink stone's grave. The two grey planters have been beside the grey Larsen stone since 1950.

To a grand lady of Wilmington and Tewksbury, I'd like to say "Mrs. Larsen, I am sorry that I am unable to continue to keep my promise."

Name withheld by request

Hoping to see library issue on the April ballot

Dear Editor,

After ten years of hope that the Swain School might have a renewed life as a useful municipal building, I now have to realize that the wrecker's ball will demolish the solid redbrick building. The library committee has voted to level the building to gain space for the proposed new library (I hope I can get a truckload of the tumbled bricks).

There are some items to ponder. At Town Meeting in 1999 the Town Manager stated that it would cost \$2.5 million to re-hab the Swain. Two years ago Drayton Faire, the professional engineer employed by the library's architect 'Tappe' Associates, publicly stated that the cost to bring the Swain up to the present building code would be \$1.5 million. I am sure that he included in his estimate upgrading the wiring, heating, plumbing, fire safety, ground water problems, septic system, earthquake activity, and all other requirements to make the building usable. I am sure that Faire used the professional expertise of 'Tappe' Associates in the rehabilitation of older structurally sound buildings to come up with the final figure of \$1.5 million. Using Faire's estimate and allowing for inflation, then \$2 million to refurbish the Swain is short money to have a building built to present day code. I hope that those numbers were not thrown to scare the taxpayers. Using the words that the old committee used to describe a new town building, "The library should have a design which incorporates features appropri-

ate to the unique climate, character and style of a New England town, Wilmington." Wow! Just pondering, that sounds like a refurbished Swain, but it is not to be.

At one of the library site feasibility presentations in 2002, I asked about extending the emergency sewer that was installed for the Pratt-Sheldon Public Safety building further along Middlesex Avenue to the Common area to service a new building at the Swain site. The Town Manager's response was that MEPA (Mass Environmental Protection Agency) would not allow further extension of the sewer line. With that statement, a self-contained Title 5 septic system must then be put in place at the Swain site to service a new building.

The ground water high-level mark has been determined by the 24-inch flooding of the Swain basement; that level is 6 feet below grade. The footing for the new work has to be in the height of two feet above the high water mark. The new library building would have to be slab-on-grade, simply because a building cannot be built in the water. The Title 5 septic system would have to be mounded with the height of the leach field 6 feet above the footing. The homes that are on flat ground on School and Powderhouse are now subject to ground water flooding; a raised septic field will enhance that flooding. In addition, the present system in place overflows directly to the Mill Brook, Title 5 will not allow this flow for the new building.

We all know what happens this time of year. We make New Year's Resolutions to get fit by losing weight by eating right and exercising regularly. We've all read the thousands of articles in magazines and have seen all the 'how to be fit' struggles in reality shows and advertisements. We all know what we should do. The trick is doing it and sticking with it.

I've been in the fitness business for over 30 years and as you might imagine, January is my busiest month. While I'm happy to welcome this newly energized group into my gyms, train them on the machines and give them advice on workout routines, in my gut I know that while their intentions are real, their drive is temporary. The fact is that a majority of them will not be here in a couple of months.

While looking and feeling good is a universal need among us, why does it seem like such an elusive goal for many? And for those select few who do exercise all year round, what is their secret? What can we learn from them?

From years of observation, I think that the people who exercise beyond the January influx possess the following 8 traits:

1. Their exercise routine is just that, a routine. As regular as getting up and brushing their teeth, they consider exercise not something they do when they

have time, but rather just something they do. For instance, many members come to the gym at the same time of day, say 6 a.m. before work, at lunchtime, or mid-morning for a particular class. When they take vacations, they may not continue the same workout but they make sure they walk and stay active. That way, getting back to their routine is not a chore but something they ease back into.

2. They take care of themselves first. And don't feel guilty about it. In particular, women seem to fall into the trap of taking care of everything and everybody else first and then if there's time leftover, they'll focus on themselves. The women that I see workout all year round, factor their exercise into their day and make it a priority. Basically, it's a change of perspective that everyone around them understands.

3. They know that it's not just about looking good, but also about living a healthy life for themselves and their kids. You read about it everyday I'm sure. Obesity in adults and children is rising at an alarming rate. Per the CDC, the percentage of children and adolescents who are defined as overweight has more than doubled since the early 1970s. Members understand that high blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes are just a few of the health risks related to

obesity. If nothing else motivates you, I hope this point does: Be a good role model for your kids-get active.

4. They've found their motivation. Long-term members have discovered what works for them. One way to do this is to list the reasons why you want to get fit. A high school reunion is a good reason to get started but not necessarily a good motivator for the long term. Examples of long-term motivators might be your doctor telling you that you've got high cholesterol or not wanting to buy the next larger-sized jeans. Just keep asking yourself, "Why is this important to me? Why am I doing this?"

5. People alter their workouts to keep it interesting. Some members change their routines every six weeks. This not only keeps their workouts fresh, but it also keeps muscles from hitting plateaus. They may take a spinning or yoga class, try free weights or the newest cardio machine.

6. They incorporate exercise into their lives, not just by coming to the gym but in other ways too. They walk their dogs daily even on bad weather days, they hike, they take dance classes. The next time you visit the mall, instead of trying to find the closest parking space, park as far away from the entrance as possible. It all adds up.

7. They continue with their

program until it's integral to their lives. In other words, if they didn't exercise, it would feel like something important was missing. They may feel less positive and perhaps feel the pain in their back that was gone when they exercised.

8. The gym becomes their community. They look forward to coming to a place where everyone has a common goal. Over the years, members who workout the same time of day have made friends. And those friends expect to see them there.

So, while it's winter and the nights are long, get started with your work out routine and remember these tips. Be one of the select few who keep it going throughout 2005.

Bob Angelo graduated from Springfield College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Health Sciences. After graduation he was a physical education teacher at Bourne High School for 11 years during which he coached football, cross country and outdoor track. In 1981, he opened the first RMA Fitness Center in Bourne. In 1993, he opened the second RMA Fitness Center, located on Rt. 62 in Wilmington. Phone: 978-657-0132. www.rmafitness.com



Everything's A Story

by Andrea MacMullin

They Don't Make Them Like They Used To

playoff game proud.

Luckily, the extended warranty that I purchased last year when I was without my cherished friend for more than a month (a month that included Christmas, and transporting sixty pound basketballs to a laundromat in sub-zero weather) was still in effect. As I ponder the fate of my faithful friend, I can't help but utter the phrases of generations before me, "they sure don't make them like they use to."

In my ten year career as a wife and mother I have already replaced a stove and a washing machine that were originally purchased new. "How can this be?" I ask myself, as I know of someone who recently replaced their old stove with a new one, not because it was broken, but because they couldn't bear the olive green color another thirty years.

Well, the date was set; the repairman would be at my house on Tuesday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Good thing I rarely have do anything outside the home during those hours of the day. He arrived and inspected my loud friend and I was relieved to find out that yes, in fact there was a problem, the bearings were gone and the washtub needed to be replaced. Now, I'm not in the business of fixing things, but isn't that basically the whole machine? Of course the parts needed to be ordered, so they would call me when they came in, and schedule another day for the repair.

The following week the call finally came. The repairman would again be coming between the hours of 7:00a.m. and 5p.m. to install the new parts. The day of the repair I waited in anticipation until a call came at 2 o'clock from the repair center. The repairman had been bitten by a dog at the previous customer's home and was going to the emergency room; we needed to reschedule. Quite stunned and concerned for the innocent repairman, I hoped he

was ok and hesitantly rescheduled thinking the person on the other end of the phone and I shouldn't be so nonchalantly scheduling an appointment for a man who was sitting in the ER.

Apparently, all went well. A week later, the sutured, and smiling repairman pulled up to my house, (this time between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on the iciest morning of the year. I scrambled to find the ice melt, as he couldn't make it up the front walk that had been transformed into an ice rink. Luckily, there were no injuries incurred as he gingerly brought in the new washtub. The repairs were quick and painless; my dutiful friend is again happy and quiet. The repairman is back on the job, and I am grateful for what he went through. All is well. Although, I am in the market for a new washing machine- preferably an olive green model at least thirty years old.

Selectmen not smarter than everyone else at Town Hall

Dear Editor,

Having watched the Selectman's meeting of January 10, 2005 I have to make a few comments.

First let me say that every time our Town Council is at a meeting, he is costing us a lot of money. At the same time one of our esteemed leaders wants to give him more money, of course that is with his blessing. During this meeting it was said that we should set money aside, \$250,000, so Town Council will know that he will be paid in case he takes anyone, Olin Co. or The State or Federal Government to court.

Let us appropriate money as needed not on an anticipated needs.

A few of the selectmen think they are smarter than everyone else at the Town Hall. But when you watch these meetings, you will know they are not smarter. They want to spend our money faster than we make it. Over the years, I have dealt with most of the Departments in Town and I am upset by what I heard.

One of our leaders said that some of the town workers who don't live in town really don't care about the town. The person saying this should listen to all town employees and not just their select few friends. Every town employee, whether they

live here or not, does the best for all people in town and the comment was not called for. Selectmen - Remember that the people voted you into office and the people can vote you out.

John K. Murphy

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The name Swain A fixture on Middlesex Ave. at the common

by LARZ F. NEILSON
Charles W. Swain (1826-1895) is considered to be the father of the Wilmington Public Library. He was also the father of the two teachers for whom the Swain School is named.

Thus, the prospect of the town of Wilmington tearing down the Swain School to provide space for a new library presents a really interesting quandary.

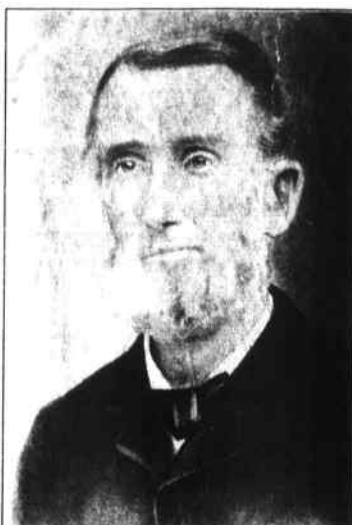
Swain, a Civil War veteran, was a descendant of Daniel Gowing, who settled on Park Street in 1720. Swain was the first librarian, and was also a member of the School Committee. The Swain School, built in 1914, is named for two of his daughters, Henrietta and Carolyn, who taught in Wilmington schools for almost 50 years.

The brick building facing Wilmington Common was Wilmington High School when it opened 90 years ago this month. It was formally accepted by the town on January 15, 1915. The school had a capacity

of 200 pupils in the classrooms, plus an auditorium seating 250. The town meeting appropriated \$35,000 for the new school in March 1914. The site was purchased from Charles B. Osbon for \$2000. There was a small pond on the property, known as Frog Pond, mostly behind the old high school, later known as the Center School. Herb Barrows was named chairman of the building committee. A farmer and contractor, he had a large farm where the Tectron plant is today. Herb and Nina Barrows lived on Woburn Street, just south of Lowell Street, about opposite the back driveway to Lucci's. Others on the building committee were Caleb Harriman, Fred Roberts, Dudley Purbeck and Howard Horton.

Harriman owned a large tannery in North Wilmington, opposite the Whitefield School. He lived in the Cadwallader Ford house, on Salem Street opposite Middlesex Avenue. Harriman was instrumental in the founding of the Wilmington

Fire Dept. Roberts lived on Burlington



Avenue in a large stone house. He owned a candy factory in Charlestown, Apollo Chocolates. He and Schamiel Macintosh were instrumental in convincing Reading Light to install electric power in Wilmington.

Purbeck lived in a large white house on Lake Street, at the corner of Silver Lake Ave. He also owned a large hayfield on the east side of Main Street, approaching the Tewksbury line.

Howard Horton was a carpenter, and was also a member of the Wilmington School Committee. He was chosen as secretary of the building committee. Barrows contracted to do the excavation for the school, charging his usual rate. This was long before there were conflict of interest laws. The gravel from the excavation was used to fill in part of Frog Pond. There were many donations of labor and other kind in the building of the school. The Wilmington Women's Club bought a gas-making machine, to provide gas for the stoves in the "domestic science" laboratory, and the chemistry lab upstairs. The Women's Club received a well-deserved thank you for assisting in the construction of the school.

As the project approached completion and the appropriated funds were nearly all used up, Barrows donated his labor to grade and seed the front lawn. The committee paid for

the grass seed. The project came in \$35 over budget.

The building served as Wilmington High School until 1950, when the first section of the present high school was built. At that time, the 1914 building became the Junior High School. It was subsequently named for the Swain sisters. Capt. Larz Neilson made the motion before the town meeting.

The Swain sisters Charles and Harriet Ann (Ames) Swain had three daughters. The oldest was Mary Gowing Swain, also known as May, born Aug. 29, 1867. She did not go into teaching, but kept a scrapbook of clippings about Wilmington. That scrapbook is in the historical room at the Wilmington library.

The younger two daughters, Henrietta and Carrie, both became teachers. They did some things together, but were quite different from one another.

When the girls were young, the family lived on Woburn Street in a small house about 150 feet north of Lowell Street, later the home of Bobby Barrows. The family then

moved into the Gowing-Swain house, just around the corner on Lowell Street. The girls attended the East School, on Woburn Street at the corner of Federal Street. That building is now a private home.

Carrie M. Swain was born on Oct. 6, 1871. At age 17, in 1889, she had recently completed high school. The school system had a shortage of teachers, so Carrie was sent by her father to teach at the "old" South School, which stood on Butters Row, near the Middlesex Canal. There were 20 pupils in five grades. She had not attended "normal" school (teacher's college.) In listings of educational background, hers simply read, "Private." Carrie taught for the spring semester, but then was not again listed as a teacher until 1901.

There is no formal indication of her attending normal school during that period, but she may well have.

She returned to the Wilmington school system at the West School in 1901, teaching for 12 weeks. She was paid \$8 a week and she had 12 students.

In 1904, she was teaching

grades one through four, for \$10 a week. In 1913, she was teaching grade seven in the Center School, and was listed as a graduate of Salem Normal School.

Some time after that, she changed her name to Carolyn. She continued to teach at the Center School until 1923, when she was moved to the High School to teach grade eight.

Henrietta Ames Swain was exactly two years younger than Carrie, born on Oct. 6, 1873. Known as Etta, she attended Salem Normal School, and began teaching at the East School in 1894, with 23 children in five grades. About five years later, she moved to the Walker School, where she would teach fifth grade until her retirement in 1938. At the time of her retirement, she was also principal of the school.

Henrietta was a technician, in her manner of teaching, efficiently imparting the required knowledge. For many years, she was a 4-H leader. Carolyn, on the other hand, could and did delve into the classics. She also served on many town committees.



"Strings Attached" is heading to Ireland this year. Ward Dillmore looks on as a few Strings members (William Starratto, Justin Kaufman, Steve Marsh, and Eric Cummings) rehearse. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)



Parts of the whole. What's left of the Honda is left in the snow. (photo by Joe Brown)

Car severed in accident

Lucky occupants suffer only minor injury

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - A local teenager and a Burlington teenager were more than a little bit lucky to walk away from an accident in which their car was split in two.

At approximately 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, a 1989 Honda left the roadway and struck a utility pole on Cambridge Road in Woburn very close to the Burlington town line. The utility pole was nearly broken in two, but the front end of the vehicle was completely severed from the rest of the vehicle ending up some 30 yards farther

down the street. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

According to Woburn Police, the vehicle was being operated by Anthony Hogan, 17 of Wilmington. Andrew Wallace, 18, of Burlington, was listed as a passenger. Both teens were taken to Winchester Hospital for what were termed minor injuries.

According to Woburn Police Sergeant Walter Callahan, speed was definitely a factor and the operator was cited for failing to use caution while operating a

motor vehicle. Callahan believes that black-ice also contributed to the accident.

"The operator told the investigating officer that the car skidded and that he lost control of it," Callahan said.

Wreck Tech, a company specializing in investigations of vehicle histories has been called in to research Hogan's vehicle.

"There is something seriously wrong with any vehicle that splits into two pieces," Callahan said. "Thankfully the injuries were not life threatening and were in fact only minor."

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Tewksbury Senior Topics

The Tewksbury Council on Aging will hold its monthly meeting today, January 20th, at 3:30 p.m. in the main hall at the Senior Center. All are welcome to attend.

The following "office hours" will be held at the Senior Center by our local legislators: Senator Finegold next Monday, January 24th, at 9:00 a.m.; and Representative Miceli on Tuesday, January 25th. This is a good time for residents to visit with their government officials and voice any concerns they may have.

Tap dancers are reminded that tap dance classes will resume next Monday, January 24th at 9:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. This class is taught by Rita Richardson and is a free class. Why not come on down and give it a try?

The next activities' meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 31st at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend this meeting and help in the planning of events and activities. A note of thanks is extended to Town Veteran's Agent, Jim Williams, for attending the last activities meeting.

Likewise, Mr. Williams has asked that a hearty "thank you" from the Tewksbury Veteran's Council be extended to the Tewksbury Seniors and those who patronized the breakfast benefit at the Senior Center this past October. He notes that money donated from this event was used to pay for the postage of the packages sent and to purchase phone cards for the soldiers.

One may want to mark his/her calendar with the date of the next Senior Center "Cootie Party". The date is Friday, February 2nd and the time is 12:45 p.m.

AARP Volunteer Tax Assistant, Ralph Luongo, will once again assist Senior Citizens with their tax returns. A schedule has not been arranged as yet. However, we are now compiling a list of those interested in obtaining services. One may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4482 to place his/her name and telephone number on the tax assistance list. A staff member will then contact you once a schedule has been set. Please note that these services will not begin until February.

Tickets are still available for the day trip to the JFK Library and Museum on "President's Day", February 21st. The cost of this trip is \$18 per person and includes admission to the museum and mini coach. On this day, there will be a special screening of rarely seen footage of John F. Kennedy and the Kennedy family from the audio-visual archives of the Library. There will also be a stop at Quincy Market for a bite to eat (on one's own) and browsing through the shops.

A Foxwood day trip will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd. The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets will be available this coming Monday.

As previously noted, the first Senior Center monthly dance of the year will be the Valentine Dance which will be held on Friday, February 25th. At this dance, the COA honors all those Tewksbury couples who have reached their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the past year or have been married over 50 years but have never been a guest of the Council. If you are one of these special couples or know of such a couple, please submit the information to the Senior Center staff. Tickets are now available for this event.

Red Hat tickets are now available for the "Carnation Belles" 1st Anniversary Celebration.

The event will be held at the Tewksbury Country Club. A breakfast buffet, entertainment by D.J. America and news on the up-coming trips and events are on the agenda. The celebration will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and, the cost per person is \$20.

Dee Kerr and Kay Maher are at the Senior Center for Red Hat business on Tuesday from

11:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:30 to 3:30; and, on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Don't forget to check the Red Hat bulletin board for more information on the:

lunch at Rick's Café and guest speaker, "Full Monty" at the Lowell Auditorium; another pot luck supper with entertainment; an August Red Hat Convention in Boston; and, much more.

Last week it was noted that the viewing of the "Holiday

Village Display" at the Mouser home was cancelled for Wednesday, February 16th. That was a mistake made due to a "senior moment" and the mix up of months! This social gathering is still planned for February 16th. If one would like to gather for this Red Hat social at Sandy Mouser home, please do sign up by February 11th. The ticket price of \$5 will be used for refreshments.

A pleasant week is wished to all. God Bless America!



Donna M. Flanagan, of Wilmington, second left, of Wilmington, a clerk in the U.S. Postal Service's Middlesex-Essex Processing and Distribution Center Annex, North Reading, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her "outstanding job performance" as a small parcel and bundle sorter, on the job instructor and acting supervisor. Taking part in the presentation Jan. 7 were, from left, Plant Manager Linda Ann Papa, Flanagan, Richard Madore, supervisor of distribution operations, and Laura Ambrefe, manager of distribution operations. The award states: "You utilize your knowledge and ability to the utmost and your are an asset to the mail processing operation as well as the Postal Service."



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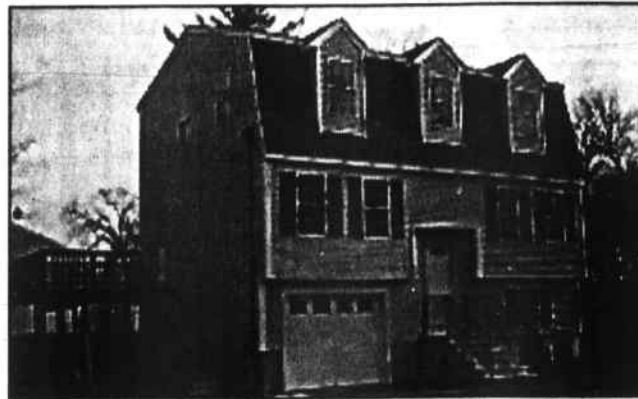
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Week of January 24

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Tuesday: Chicken and rotini Alfredo, steamed broccoli, multi-grain bread, chilled pears, fruit smoothie.

Wednesday: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, steamed cauliflower, applesauce, sherbet.

Thursday: Chicken cordon royale, baked potato, butternut squash, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday: Tuna steak, rice pilaf, green beans, orange sections, pumpkin bread, dessert.

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TEWKSBURY / WILMINGTON - Dennis J. Anstey of Tewksbury, age 66. Veteran of U.S.A.F., passed away on December 22, 2004.

He was the youngest son of Horace and Justine Anstey of Wilmington.

He is survived by his daughters, Denise and Shawna and two grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 sisters and their

husbands Peggy and her husband Dwayne Steinhoff of N.H., Ginny and her husband John O'Connell of Tewksbury, MA, Shirley and her husband Willis Whallan of FL; 3 brothers and their wives, Elmo and Essie (Otis) of Texas, Ronald and Shirley (Button) of FL and William and Isabella of Billerica, MA and many nieces and nephews.

Arnold C. Blake

A quiet man of great service to Wilmington

Arnold C. Blake, formerly of Wilmington, died on January 13, 2005 at the age of 96. He was born in Hill, NH, July 10, 1908, the son of Clyde A. and Lulu (Clark) Blake. He resided in

(Mech. Eng.), Univ. of Tennessee, Ext. Reinf. Concrete Design. Through the years, Mr. Blake worked as a farmer, dam inspector, mechanical and civil engineers, house and ground keeper and intermediate care person. He was directly involved in the design and construction of dams, hydro electric plants, ship yards and war plants and numerous industrial plants. He was a registered engineer in 9 states. In his spare time, Mr. Blake enjoyed restoring clocks, guns, antiques. He enjoyed photography, made gunstocks. He liked lawn and gardening, pool and bowling. volunteer work was also important to him.

During his years in Wilmington, Mr. Blake served on the Board of Water and Sewer Commission for 19 years, Trustee of Trust Funds for 16 years, Planning Board, 4 years and he spent one year on the Electric Power Study Committee. Mr. Blake was also the Community Director of Wilmington Regional Health Center from 1977-1989 and Director of Reading Co-Operative Bank from 1964-1981. Services are private. Donations may be made in his memory to the charity of ones choice.



Wilmington for 40 years and lived the last 16 years of his life at Brookhaven Assisted Living in Lexington.

He was the husband of the late Barbara C. Colby, father of Cynthia Anne Blake of Tiverton, R.I. and brother of the late Muriel Huntoon.

Educated at Hill, N.H. Grammar School, Tilton School, he then attended the University of N.H. '30 B.S.

Frederick W. Miller

Custodian for Town of Wilmington

Mr. Frederick W. Miller, age 67, of Wilmington, died Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the Tufts New England Medical Center.

Mr. Miller was born May 13, 1937 in Wakefield, MA, he was the son of the late Karl and Marguerite (Mead) Miller.

He grew up in Reading, MA, and moved to Wilmington in 1957.

He was a custodian for the Town of Wilmington for many years. Fred was also a member of the National Guard for over 22 years. Fred is survived by his beloved wife Cecilia F. (Grassia) Miller, he was the devoted father of Karl Miller, Cheryl Green, and Meg Barnes

all of Wilmington, and the late Glen and Freddy Miller, brother Jack Miller of Texas, and Rick Miller and Bea Perkins both of Reading, loving grandfather of David Sullivan, Theresa and Courtney Miller, Krystal and Amanda Barnes.

Funeral Services were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte 62) Wilmington on Tuesday, January 18, and were officiated by Rev. Ron Grimley.

Interment took place in the family lot at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorial donations in Fred's name may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 11 Vanderbilt Ave., Norwood, MA 02062.

Richard P. O'Connell

Operated Okie's Lunch in Wilmington Center

Richard P. O'Connell, age 74, of Idlewild CA, formerly of Wilmington, MA (operated Okie's Lunch in Wilmington Center) passed away on January 4, 2005. He is survived by his loving wife Kay (Wardell) O'Connell of Idlewild, CA., and 3 daughters, Lee Penney, Kelley Gomas, and Tracy Heisler. He is also survived by 3 sons, Drew, Lucas and Jonathan.

He is survived by two brothers and their wives, John and

Ginny O'Connell of Tewksbury, MA; Donald and Margie O'Connell of CA and a sister Marie O'Connell, of Wilmington.

Richard O'Connell was the son of Leo P. O'Connell Sr. and Nellie O'Connell of Wilmington, MA. He was also the brother of the late Leo P. Jr. of Wilmington with many nieces and nephews.

His ashes will be interred in CA.

Andover Choral Society celebrates 75th anniversary

The Andover Choral Society celebrates its 75th Anniversary Season with a performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. Sunday, January 23, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College, No. Andover, MA. Tickets \$15. Allen Combs, conductor with full orchestra; Barbara Kilduff, soprano; Arthur Rishi, tenor,

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Madeleine T. Russo

Former Saugus resident; 77

TEWKSBURY - Madeleine T. (Gervais) Russo, age 77, a long time Saugus resident, died Thursday morning, Jan. 13, 2005, at the Lowell General Hospital after a brief illness. She was the wife of Chester P. Russo, who died in 1983.

She was born in Lowell, Oct. 22, 1927, a daughter of the late Almeda and Rose (DeSaulniers) Gervais. She was raised in Lowell and graduated from Keith Hall in Lowell. She lived the greater part of her life in Saugus, and returned to Lowell in 1988. She had lived with her daughter in Tewksbury for the past two years.

As a resident of Saugus, she was a communicant of St. Margaret's Parish, and since moving to Lowell, St. Marie's Parish in So. Lowell.

She worked as a nursing assistant at the Louise Caroline Nursing Home in Saugus.

She will be best remembered as having devoted her life to her family.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Donna (Russo) and her husband Daniel Plachowicz of Tewksbury, with whom she had resided; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and his wife Tammy (Jones) Russo of N.C., and Chester and his wife Caroline (DeSaulnier) Russo of Pittsfield, MA; a brother and three sisters-in-law, Gerard and his wife Rita (Grandchamp) Gervais of Dracut, Alice (Silva) Gervais of Chelmsford, Virginia Scanlon of Peabody; three

grandchildren, Robyn (Plachowicz) and her husband Bruce LaCreta of Atkinson, NH, Mark Plachowicz of Gloucester, Michael Russo of N.C.; one



great granddaughter, Olivia Madeleine LaCreta; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also sister of the late Arthur Gervais and Leo Gervais.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 10:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851 2950. Funeral Mass Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Family Parish at St. Marie's Church, So. Lowell. Interment in Riverside Cemetery, Saugus. Visiting hours were Monday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 in the funeral home. Memorials in Mrs. Russo's name to the charity of donor's choice will be appreciated. http://www.tewksbury-funeralhome.com/

Johann S. Von Kahle

Born in Scotland

TEWKSBURY - Johann S. (Holden) Von Kahle, age 94 years, of Tewksbury, died on Monday, January 17, 2005, at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mrs. Von Kahle was born on Sunday, November 6, 1910, in Scotland, the daughter of the late Thomas Holden and the late Charlotte (McNabb) Holden.

She was the wife of the late Herman L. Von Kahle; and is survived by her daughters Ruth Von Kahle of Dracut and Janet Clark of Salem, NH; 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Mrs. Von Kahle was the mother of the late Barbara VonKahle of North Reading, the late George F. Blair and the late Ronald Blair both of Tewksbury; and the sister of the late Alex Holden, the late William Holden, the late Melvin Holden and the late Mae Smith all of Andover.

Her funeral will be held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on

Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington. Memorial donations in her name may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

For Guestbook and Information please visit www.cavfh.com.

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Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Memorial Library. The Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library present an evening with Tom Perrotta, author of Little Children and other novels. Refreshments provided by the Friends. For more details, call the library at 978-658-2967

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'Memorial Garden' dedicated at Shawsheen Tech

BILLERICA - Three years ago Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Visual Design and Communications instructor Ethel Leary lost a courageous battle with cancer. In the same way she inspired so many of her students, Leary's spirit left an indelible mark on her friends and co-workers. What started as a simple idea to remember Leary, a Billerica native, turned into something much more beautiful and expansive.

Shawsheen students, staff and family members attended a touching dedication ceremony earlier this month for a "Memorial Garden" to remember Leary and other deceased members of the Shawsheen community. Located in a courtyard near the heart of the school's campus, a once barren

and weed-filled area has been transformed into an aesthetically striking mix of colored bricks, mulch, and grass, adorned with flowers, bushes and trees.

Health Technology instructor Nanci MacKenzie came up with the idea for some sort of memorial, and the garden is the result of years of hard work by teachers, students and administrators. Designed and constructed by students and teachers alike, it's now a welcome addition to the campus.

"It made three years of working on this all worth it," said MacKenzie, whose relationship with Leary grew out of both instructors advising the student group SkillsUSA-VICA. "It's the school's place for teachers to go where they can just sit and take a deep breath. You spend

so many years being a teacher, and I didn't want them to be forgotten. I think that was one of the driving forces behind this."

In the beginning phases of the project, students helped clear the courtyard with the help of Shawsheen Director of Plant Operations Joe Nickerson and his staff. Once the area was cleared and leveled, sophomores in the Masonry Department began constructing brick walkways with materials purchased from fundraising efforts. The transformation quickly caught the attention of the staff and students.

"It's a much nicer area," said Shawsheen junior Eddie O'Neil of Tewksbury, who worked on the project along with fellow masonry students Bobby Burns

of Billerica and Rich Fantasia of Tewksbury. "It was just leaves and stones before we started. To see the difference when you walk by it now is amazing."

Fantasia said the students took pride in their work and wanted to help contribute to something that will become a permanent part of their school.

"The courtyard is going to be there for a long time, so we wanted to make sure that it looked good," said Fantasia. "I think it looks awesome."

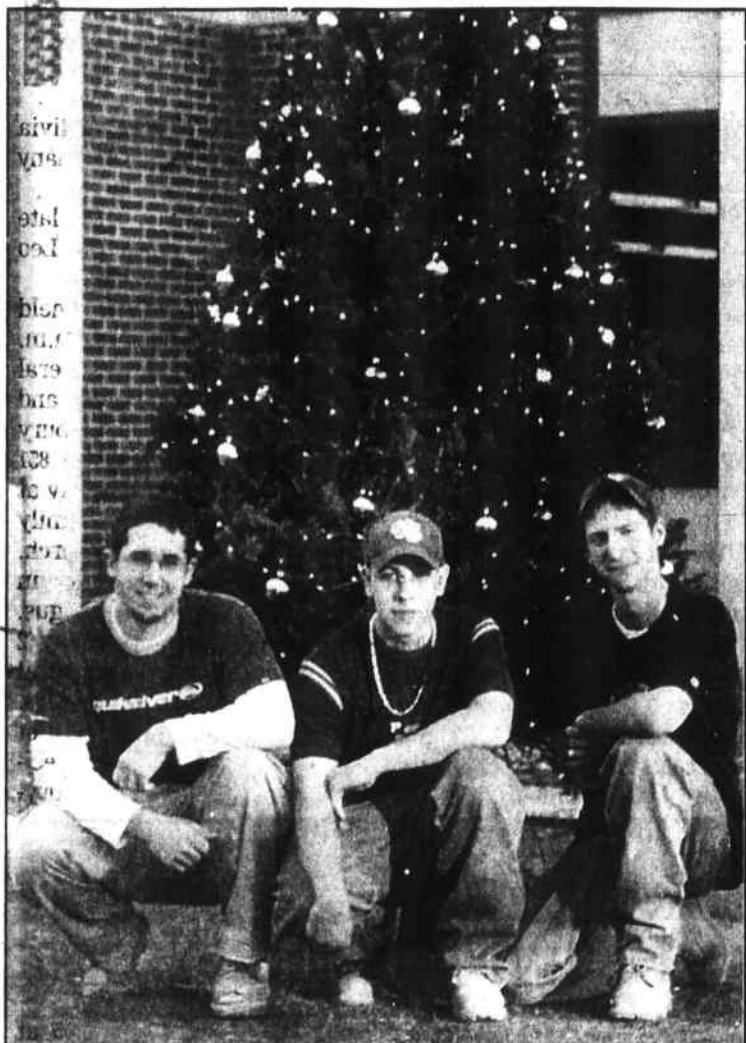
More than \$3,000 has been raised for the project - most of it from the selling of 37 memorial bricks to line the walkways. The first piece donated for the garden was a tree donated by SkillsUSA-VICA in Leary's memory.

"The dedication was heartwarming," said MacKenzie, who added that further improvements and plantings are planned for the garden.

The death of another Shawsheen Tech staff member this past August - Mary Roach, a Billerica native, added to the emotions surrounding the garden. A brick in her memory is

included among those in the walkway.

While a Christmas tree now adorns the middle of the courtyard, a lilac tree and yellow rose bush are planted near a corner also in memory of Leary - a woman who continues to inspire others.



Shawsheen Tech recently dedicated a beautiful "Memorial Garden" to honor the memory of deceased members of the Shawsheen community. Masonry students who worked on the construction of this project are pictured above from left to right: Eddie O'Neil, Tewksbury, Bobby Burns, Billerica, Rich Fantasia, Tewksbury. (courtesy photo)



Wilmington's West Elementary School Principal, Richard Gorham, got into the spirit of "Hat Day." More than \$3,000 was raised for the tsunami relief effort in one day. (courtesy photo)



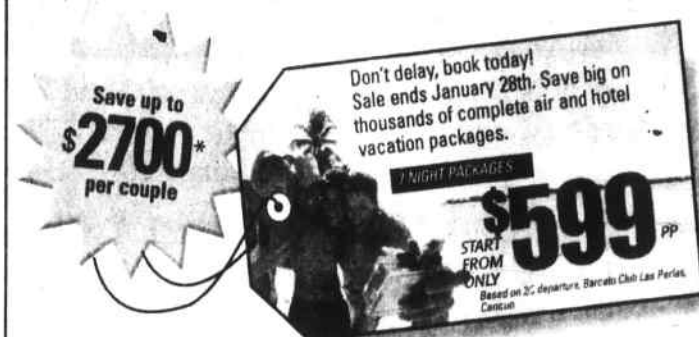
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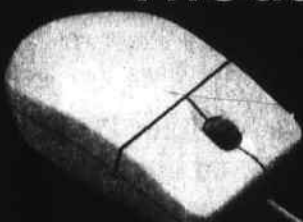
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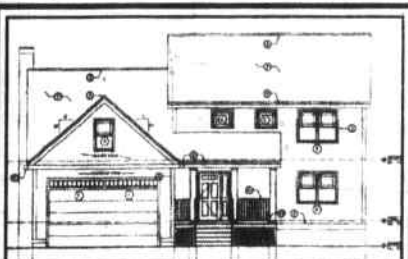
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WILMINGTON - It may not be the Fourth of July yet, but the Wilmington Minutemen are gearing up for a pancake breakfast. Always ready to do their duty, the Minutemen will be marching over to the Masonic Hall on February 13 to flip a few pancakes to the public as they raise money for the Wilmington 275th Committee and their Florida Hurricane relief fund.

The hurricanes have gone but

there is still clean up left. Wilmington Minuteman Mike Murphy has been helping out for months down in Florida and the Minutemen has been helping him. Donations from the public have been a little slow, so this fund raiser has been proposed.

The affair will be in the Masonic Hall on Church Street, between the old Fire Station and Rotary Park on Sunday February 13 from 8 a.m. until

all the pancakes are gone.

Of course there will be a sausage or two and a cup of coffee thrown in. The kids will enjoy the OJ and if a milk mustache is required, that will be available, too.

Advance tickets will be available at the Town Crier office, 104 Lowell St., Wilmington, on Monday (hopefully) for \$4.00 each.

All proceeds will be split evenly between the 275 Committee and the Florida relief fund.



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Tyler Hudson of Wilmington performing a benefit concert for tsunami victims

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songs sell out their CD's at every gig.

Concert to be held at the

Marblehead Community Center, 2 Humphrey Street, Marblehead, MA on Friday

January 14th from 7-9:30 p.m.

Winter meeting of the Middlesex Canal Association

The Winter Meeting of the Middlesex Canal Association will be held at the Middlesex Canal Museum at 71 Faulkner Street in North Billerica, Massachusetts on Sunday, January 30 at 2:30 in the afternoon. The Museum is handicapped accessible.

The speaker for the afternoon will be Michael Tougias, author of 14 books about New England. He will present a narrated slide presentation titled "Four Hundred Miles Down the Connecticut River". Tougias will take the viewer down the entire 410 miles of the

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Residents are encouraged to read Snow in August by Pete Hamill during January and February and participate in

discussion events and programs scheduled for the month of March. The library has plenty of copies of the book available. Copies of the audio book and the film adaptation are also available. For more information about the author Pete Hamill, there are related web sites for Snow in August on the library's web site www.wilmilibrary.org. Don't forget to pick up a Wilmington Reads button. If you see someone in the grocery store with a button, ask them how they liked the book!

Author Pete Hamill on libraries

According to Pete Hamill, author of Snow in August and columnist for the New York Daily News, "Today, with books and movies more expensive than ever, and television entertainment in free fall to the lowest level of stupidity, free circulating books are an absolute necessity. They are quite simply another kind of food. We imagine, and then we live."

Author Tom Perotta to visit library

Tom Perotta, author of the recently published book Little

Children will be a guest speaker at the library on Tuesday, February 1st at 7 p.m. Other books by the author include Election and Joe College. Election was made in to a movie starring Matthew Broderick and Reese Witherspoon.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Polar Bears!
Polar Bears!, a story and craft program for children ages five and older will be held on Thursday, January 27th at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required and may be made by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098.

Time for Twos

Time for Twos, a half-hour drop-in story time for two year-olds and their caregivers, will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 10 a.m.

Upcoming Programs for Teens

Teen Knitting Club:
Wednesday's 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. 3 week series
There are still a few spots left in this event! January 26,

Teen Reads 'N Feeds:

Friday, January 21
3:30 p.m. Drop-in
This month we're talking about Inkheart by Cornelia Funke (author of the best-selling novel The Thief Lord). All middle and high school students are invited to come discuss this book and eat food mentioned in Inkheart. Extra copies of the book are available at the library.

Teen Comics Club:

Monday, January 24
7 p.m. Drop-in
This club is for all middle and high school students into comic books, anime, and manga or for those who are just curious. New members are always welcome to the very informal and casual club. Come check out newest Simpsons comic books. All students who attend are entered into to win a free comic book (courtesy of the Friends of the Library).

Teen Reads 'N Feeds II:

Monday, January 31
7 p.m. Drop-in
The group will talk about the New York Times bestseller The Second Summer of the Sisterhood by Ann Brashares (sequel to The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants). Open to all middle and high school students. Come talk about this book with other teens and eat foods mentioned in the book. Extra copies of the book are available at the library. Door prize provided by The Friends of the Library.

Lord of the Rings Festival

The 3rd annual Lord of the Rings Festival for Teens was once again well attended and a huge success. Twenty two middle and high school students showed up to play LOTR jeopardy, enter the LOTR costume contest, and even to impersonate Gollum! Teen Services Librarian, Nathalie Demers hopes that someone will attend next year's festival in a Smeagol costume. Winner of the costume contest was Andrew Crispin, runner up was Katie Abell. Winner of the Gollum impersonation contest was Matt Terlaga, and winner of the art contest was Dana Nola.



Wilmington Library Notes by Christina Stewart

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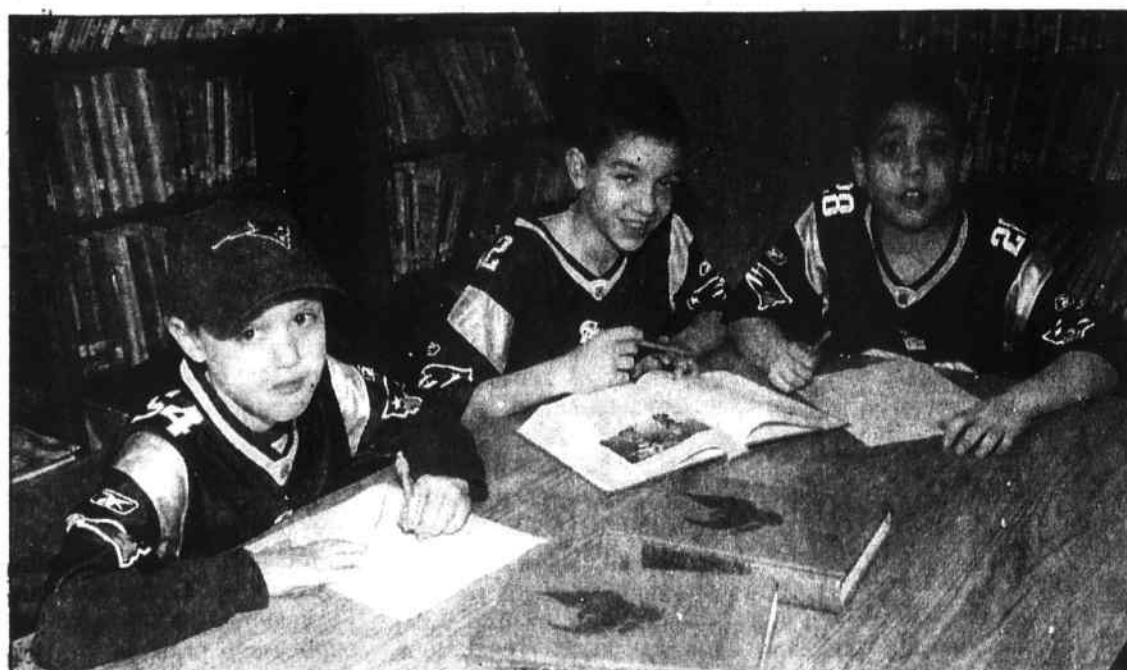
Local Heroes get a "Ton" of support

Members of Local Heroes, Inc. say that they have gotten a Ton of support - literally.

Local residents and businesses have generously donated more than a ton of gift boxes to our troops. The gift boxes include everything from razors and toiletries, to snacks and reading materials. In fact, rumor has it that one of the packages being shipped out this week has a copy of Snow In August, by Pete Hamill. Wilmington has selected this novel as the subject of its "Wilmington Reads" program... Nice touch.

If you have the names and addresses of any friends who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, or if their families need help, please call (978) 659-3000. You also may reach Local Heroes, Inc. at P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Alyson Trayah, Mia Pondelli, Hayley Sweet, and Taylor Hughes enjoyed the dance sponsored by Tewksbury Youth Basketball and held at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Club on Martin Luther King Day.



Ben McCulley, Anthony Scurto, and David Arria of the North Intermediate School are ready for this weekend's Patriots game. They've got the jersey's just in case they get called into the game. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

School lunch menus

Week of January 24, 2005

WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood & Boutwell

Monday: Teriyaki chicken, flippers, fluffy rice, green peas, pineapple chunks, dessert.

Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger oven fries, steamed corn, sliced peaches, pudding pop.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal, Cinnamon Pretzel, cheese squares, baby carrots, applesauce, trix yogurt.

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, pretzel bites, veggie sticks and dip, orange sections, cookie.

Friday: Pizza sticks, steamed vegetable, fruit cup, dessert.

Wilmington Elementary

Monday: Chicken patty on a roll, potato rounds, carrots, mixed fruit, cookie.

Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, oven fries, steamed peas, pineapple, star bar.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal, breakfast bagel, veggie sticks, and dip, applesauce, trix yogurt.

Thursday: Pasta with meat sauce, mozzarella sticks, green beans, fruit cup, dessert.

Friday: Pizza wedges, steamed vegetable fruit cup, dessert.

Wilmington Middle School

Monday: Pasta with meat sauce, Mozzarella sticks, steamed carrots, pears.

Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, baked potato puffs, steamed corn, chilled peaches.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal, breakfast pizza bagel, baby carrots, apple slices.

Thursday: Ham or turkey sub, pretzels, steamed vegetable, pineapple.

Friday: Pizza of the day, steamed vegetable, chilled fruit.

Wilmington High School

Monday: Lasagna with meat sauce, dinner roll, green beans, chilled fruit.

Tuesday: Taco Bar, seasoned rice, corn, pineapple.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal, breakfast pizza bagel, baby carrots, cinnamon apples.

Thursday: Chicken Parmesan sandwich, oven fries, steamed carrots, chilled pears.

Friday: Pizza of the day, steamed vegetable, chilled fruit.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday: Cran-orange juice, sliced turkey or ham and cheese sub, carrot-celery sticks, potato chips, milk, pears.

Tuesday: Tomato vegetable soup, cheeseburger on roll with sliced tomato, lettuce milk, cookie.

Wednesday: Orange Juice, beef and cheese nachos with shredded lettuce, rice on the side, salsa, milk and peaches.

Thursday: Oven roasted turkey dinner, creamy potatoes, carrots, sliced cranberry sauce, hot roll or stuffing, milk, fruit cup.

Friday: Chilled orange juice, mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, garden salad, milk, ice cream, bread pizza, salad, milk, jello with topping.

SHAWSHEEN TECH

Monday: Rotini with meat sauce, tossed salad, hot roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potato, broccoli, hot roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, romano bean medley, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Thursday: Taco boat with meat and bean filling, lettuce, cheese, tomato, salsa, corn, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Italian style pizza, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.

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978-658-2346**The Tech teaches from the ground up**

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from working, and working hard. At this point in the Mill Street project, the house is sealed off from the elements enabling the students to continue working, sans heat, throughout the winter months.

Being on-site is not only educational, but an enjoyable experience as well.

"It's awesome, this is the best decision I ever made," said carpentry student Brian Maguire, a junior from Wilmington. "I've learned so much since freshman year. Things like how to frame a house from the foundation up to the roof. It's amazing. It feels great to see the progress that we make each week. You learn something new every day, and the teachers are great too. They teach you everything from strapping a ceiling to framing a whole house. It's a fun experience."

Framing, plumbing, electrical, and so on; all the departments will have a chance to use

their expertise on the project. Students will even install all the amenities, right down to the luxury fixtures in the bathrooms and a chandelier in the living room.

Working in conjunction with other trades, students are able to realize the big picture of everything that goes into building a complete home.

The house building project is not the only project that the students will work on before their careers at Shawsheen are over. The school strives to ensure that students work on as many of these job-site types of projects as possible before graduating.

"If things go well, all of our construction students will have worked on two new homes by the time they graduate," said Gary Baker, Construction Department Chairperson. "This practical experience gives our students a significant advantage when it comes to entering the workforce."

Students begin their involve-

ment in off-campus projects during their junior and senior years.

Exposure to real-life situations and challenges teaches Shawsheen Tech students how to interact with all trades to make sure that everything fits and that the job gets done right.

"You just can't overestimate the value of including real-life experiences as part of their vocational-technical education," Baker said. "You can teach them how to use the tools, how to read blueprints, how to climb, and things like that, but you can't give them the experience of working in the elements, working on a scaffold, applying safety regulations, and the general pitfalls encountered every day on a construction site."

In addition to the educational aspect of the project, the students understand that shortly after they leave the site, their project will be transformed

from a house into a home. Students and program instructors pride themselves on making sure the customer receives an outstanding product and every effort is made to provide all the amenities expected in a new home.

"It's great; students bring their parents and grandparents down on the weekends to take pictures and show off their progress," said Lannon. "They're proud of it, and they should be. This is an amazing learning experience."

The "House Project" lottery is open to any property owner in Wilmington, Tewksbury, Billerica, Bedford, or Burlington. The school has an application package that is made available upon advertisement of the project. The lottery winner is drawn just before the end of the school year to allow for site work and foundation work to be completed over the summer.

**Town Meeting
vote stands**

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person trust holding the property. At this point, however, Tighe was now in a position to resolve the matter by paying the back taxes along with any legal fees, interests, and costs associated with the property.

The back taxes on the property are approximately \$35,000.

Brown advised the Board that the primary function of the Town is the collection of property tax and not necessarily the acquisition of property. Additionally, should the Board vacate the foreclosure, Tighe would be willing to donate a substantial portion of the wetland area of the property to the Conservation Commission.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy suggested that he might be willing to support the vacating for a payment of \$70,000, double the amount owed, provided a majority of the parcel was donated to the Conservation Commission.

Wilmington's Tax Title Attorney James Coppola, however, was not sure that the matter was so cut and dry. Coppola opined that the vote of last April's Town Meeting to transfer the care, custody, and control of the entire parcel to the Conservation Commission would be an impediment to such action.

Brown countered that he was not able to locate record of any such transfer from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation

Commission filed at the Registry of Deeds.

"Authorizing something and actually doing it are two different things," Brown said. "If the transfer has not occurred, I'm not sure if an impediment is actually there."

According to Town Manager Michael Caira, the Town has taken no additional action over and above town meeting vote in past instances of transferring care, custody, and control of a parcel of Town owned land to the Conservation Commission.

"There's no denying that the action and intent of the Town last April was to transfer the property to the Conservation Commission," Caira said.

Brown maintained the position that the motion presented at Town Meeting was to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make the transfer. Until such a transfer was made, Brown asserted, it would remain nothing more than an action pending.

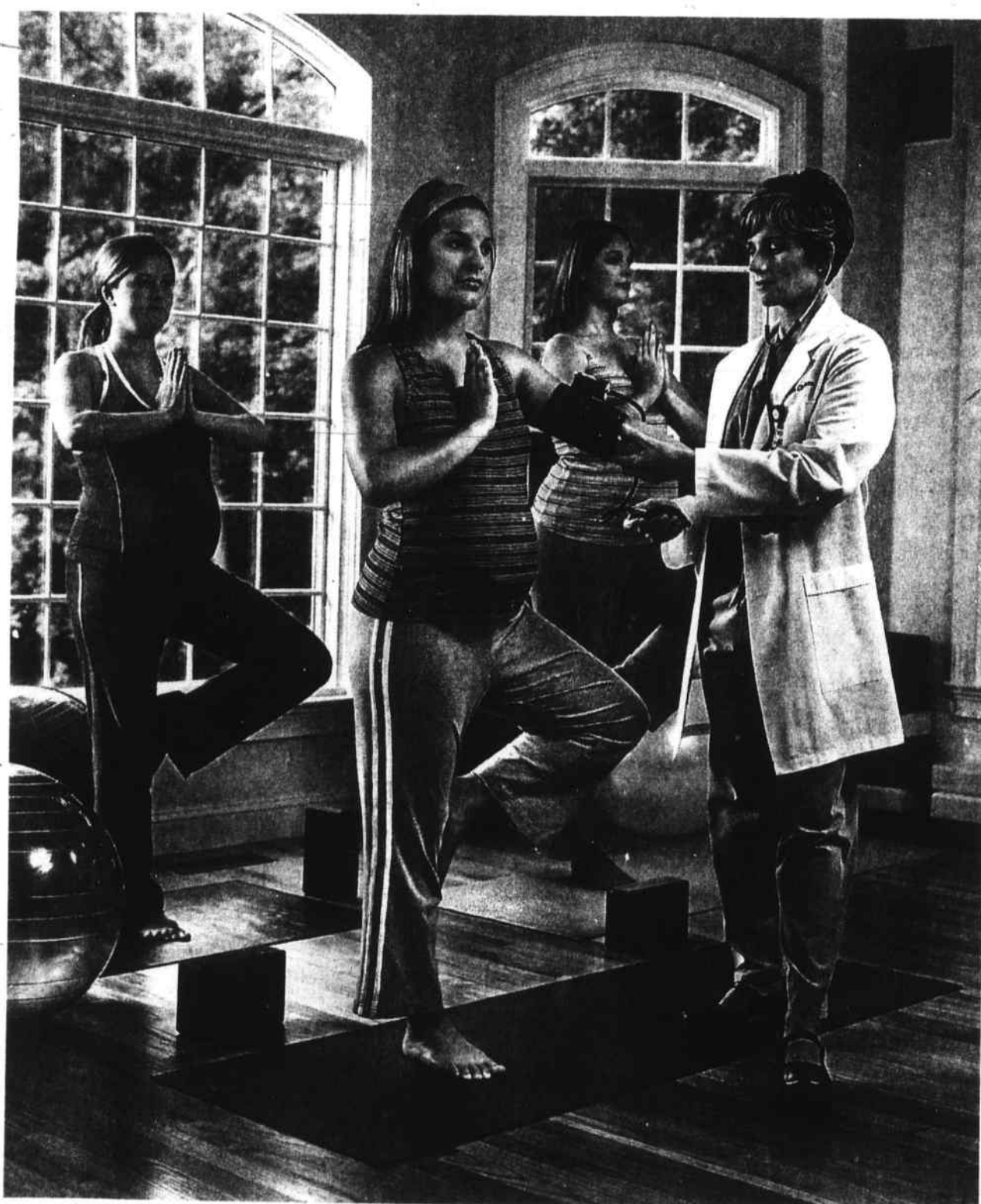
Coppola did not believe the Board had authority to return the property to the taxpayer following such a vote at Town Meeting.

"The Town has spoken," Coppola said. "Something very much more would need to be done; maybe another Town vote, but it might also require an act of legislation."

Town Counsel, Paul DeRensis, concurred that the Board no longer has the jurisdiction to convey the property back to the taxpayer. There exists a means to accomplish the conveyance and the Board could possibly initiate the process, but it was not within the Board's power to grant what was being requested by the taxpayer.

"I would advise the Board take no action on the specific request as framed," DeRensis said.

The Board voted unanimously to follow the advice of Town Counsel.

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Library plans unveiled

Attending public supportive

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The interior will feature a community meeting room with a kitchenette and capacity for 150 seats. The room will be ideal for lectures, meetings, the showing of films, and could even banquets. Though not shown on the preliminary plans, the final design will include independent access from the outside in order to facilitate community events held outside of regular library operating hours.

In addition to the large community meeting room, the lower level of the library will house such things as a central circulation desk, a community area filled with popular materials, a toddler room with segregated areas for reading aloud, and a teen room.

The teen room, according to Hoover, is strategically isolated for the benefit of the other users of the library, but easily monitored from the circulation desk.

The second floor includes a

smaller community meeting room with capacity for approximately 20 people, a local history room, study areas complete with two-person study rooms, the fiction and non-fiction book collections, computers and a technical training room for computer training.

Not yet shown on plans, but in the works for the second floor, is a quiet reading room.

The new library, unlike the Swain, will not have a basement due to the high water table existing at the site.

Though substantially larger than the current building, the new library will not infringe on very much of the existing parking area.

According to Town Manager Michael Cairra, the Town is seeking alternate sites for current Swain School tenants, WCTV and the Wilmington Food Pantry. The Town is also searching for an alternate site for high school parking which utilizes the parking at the Swain site.

Why now? Who decides?

What are the pros and cons of a new library?

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and appropriate funds through an override of Proposition 2 1/2.

Approval for funds at the Special Town Meeting would require a two-thirds vote and still would not provide the final say on the matter.

The next step would be for the Board of Selectmen to call for a Special Town Election at which residents would visit the various polling locations to cast a vote for or against a Proposition 2 1/2 override.

Should the town make it to that point, the result of the special election will provide the final decision.

Proponents and opponents of the project, at least publicly, tend to agree that the current library is not an adequate facility for the Town of Wilmington. The two groups split, however, on the timing of the project with opponents citing a weak economic climate as the primary reason for waiting.

The 15,000 square foot library was built in 1969 and is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since the building first opened, there has been no expansion or renovation of the structure.

The library was built to house 65,000 volumes and is currently running at 25 percent over capacity with a collection now including videos, DVD's, CD's, and audio books. Public computers, not in existence during the planning and construction of the library, are located in the hallway and in the stairwell landing. The accommodation of computers and new types of collections has crowded out seating space and quiet study areas.

Since the 1969 opening of the library, Wilmington's population has increased by 30 percent, yet usage of the library has still managed to outpace that figure. During Fiscal Year 2004, an average of 465 people used the library on a daily basis.

Participation in library sponsored programs has experienced dramatic increases over the years. The summer reading program of 1970 had 67 children participating. In 2004, 824 children took advantage of the same program. The library offered a total of 284 community programs in 2004 enjoyed by a total of 7,702 people.

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Michael McCoy wants to see a new library for Wilmington in the future, but argues that asking for an override of Proposition 2 1/2 at this time is too much to ask of the residents.

"We are still paying off debt for the Middle School and the Public Safety Building and we won't be done paying those off until 2011," McCoy said. "I don't care what anyone says, we in Massachusetts are still in a recession."

McCoy believes that the condition of the high school will

become a critical issue that will need to be addressed within four to six years. He is concerned also about Wilmington's need to dip into "free cash" to balance the budget over the past few years.

"Over the past three years we have lost about \$7 million in cuts to Local Aid," McCoy said. "If not for those cuts we would still have about \$10 million in the bank. When we've built a surplus back up, then I would consider supporting a new library."

Selectman Michael Newhouse disagrees, since construction costs would be funded by a Proposition 2 1/2 override and would not affect the town's fiscal budget.

"It is up to the people who vote whether we can afford it," Newhouse said. "Balancing the budget is a completely different issue."

Newhouse believes that the time is right for a building of a new library, particularly since the opportunity for assistance is available.

"The residents will decide whether they want it or they don't," Newhouse said. "They should have the opportunity to say, 'Yes, I want a new library and I'm willing to incur my fair share of the cost.'"

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'Strings Attached'

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"It's a permanent memento in their years of 'Strings,'" Dilmore said.

Students can elect to join the group as early as the fourth grade. The progression in the group allows the students to participate in various performances, including a performance at Lake George, New York during their middle school years.

Every two years, the students in grades nine through twelve are eligible to take the most significant trip; Europe. In the past, the group has visited Italy where they performed in Venice, Rome, and Florence. They were received in England as they played for the mayor of Huddersfield and during another year the group performed for the Mayor of Paris, France.

"Before their European trip, there is a great deal of preparation, including a visit by limousine to Boston to perform in the rotunda of the State House for heads of state. During that performance the group is given the honor of 'Ambassadors of Wilmington.'"

"It's very emotional and powerful," Ward said. "It's quite an honor to be an ambassador."

Students are presented a personalized citation recognizing their ambassadorship. These citations are brought before European dignitaries during their visit.

"They will know how meaningful it is to say, 'I am an American,'" Dilmore said.

The pride that Dilmore has of his students is evidenced in his voice and in his words.

"They are a new generation of Ambassadors; it's not just for adults," Dilmore said. "They are breathing good will."

As Mr. Dilmore talks about the intricate details of performances and events that go along with his group, one gets the sense that he is teaching so much more. Considering the high regard he holds for his students, along with the high standards he sets for them, it becomes evident that he is preparing them for a world beyond their musical family.

"These are kids who will be

working with people all over the world; they will be confident about world travel, and music has opened up all these doors," Dilmore said.

Dilmore describes his students as "a family with a sense of purpose."

This April, "Strings Attached" is again preparing for another European trip, this time, to Ireland. For many of the students, Mr. Dilmore says, it will be a trip of traveling back to their place of origin. The group will be performing for the Lord Mayor of Dublin in his private chambers. The group will also be touring the countryside in two tour buses from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The students have also prepared for this, studying the art and history of Ireland. Dilmore sees this as a reward for their hard work.

"They can get some adventures for committing long-term," Dilmore said.

Most of his students have been in the program long-term; up to eight years.

For the first time, "Strings Attached" is asking for support from their community to assist in funding the trip. Students sent letters to the business members of the Chamber of Commerce asking for contributions to help meet the costs of the trip. Dilmore says the Parent Support Group is "stretching the funding," but is hopeful that the community will help the group out, and continue with the "circular flow" of giving back and forth, just as "Strings Attached" has done in the past.

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Backyard Birding He's back, with a quiz!!!

By Hugh Wiberg

Well now - where has the "Bird Guy" been lately? No big secret - the law of averages caught up with him last summer. After over 60 years of unusually good luck health-wise, the law of averages finally caught up with me.

First, in April of last year a nasty little deer tick took a shine to my leg. Result? A serious case of Lyme Disease which landed me in Lahey clinic for most of a week. Although only one in a dozen deer ticks carry the Lyme Disease, I was one of the unlucky ones. After 12 weeks on a high powered antibiotics, injected intravenously, the pestilence finally abated. Lost 18 pounds over 3 months and am now finally gaining it back - slowly!

Lesson learned - don't venture about outside between May and October without a generous spraying of Deep Woods Off with Deet. In summer deer ticks, carriers of Lyme Disease, are out of control here in central and southern New England. Avoid them like the plague! Only the size of a straight pin head, they can wreak havoc if allowed access to your exposed skin.

To cap off a nasty year, in August along came a case of depression. Had me wondering what I was being punished for in 2004. Not out of the woods yet, but optimistic that better days are coming.

Now, let's see - this is supposed to be a bird column. I've had several calls this summer in spite of my trials and tribulations. There are still no shortages of turkeys and white tail deer around. Had three phone calls of blue birds in June and July but was unable to locate their nests in the Adams Street, Wilmington neighborhood.

For a little change, I am going to test our Wilmington and Tewksbury readers with a few medium-to-hard questions. Answers are at the end of my column - No Peeking!

1. There are several New England birds, fish eaters, that can hover almost motionless over pond and streams waiting for a

fish to swim by to provide their lunch. Name two (2).

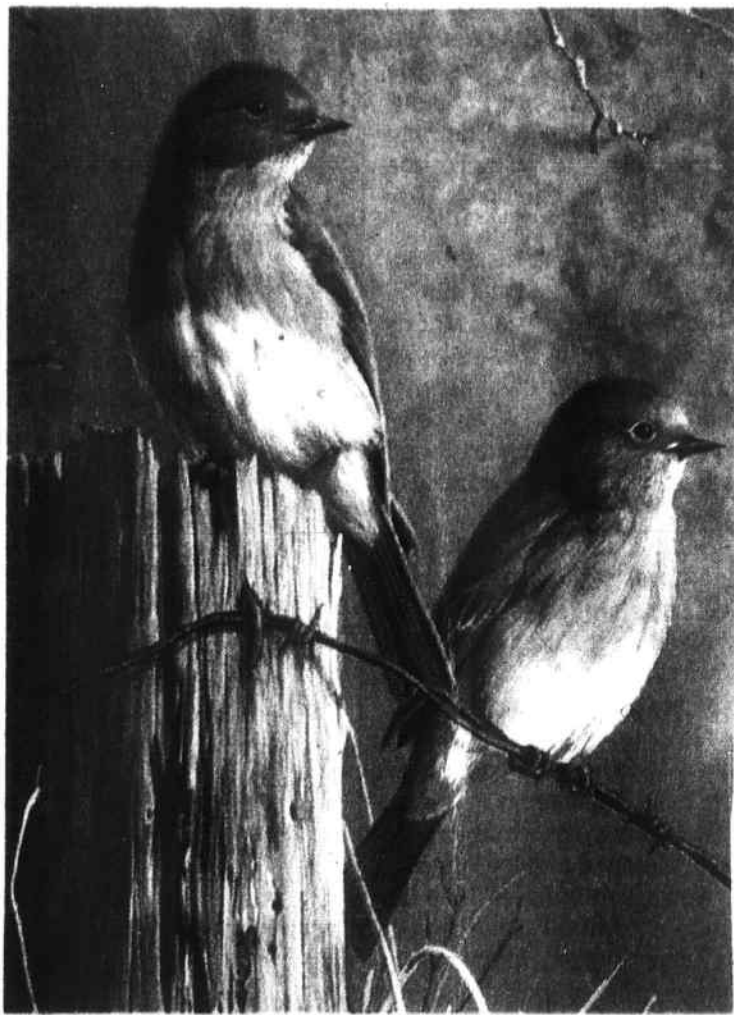
2. Name the three

ly seen in New England in January and February, when conifer seeds get very

stand straight up in back at a 90 degree angle.

5. Name the tiny grey-brown bird that climbs straight up and down large trees looking for insects' eggs and larva.

6. What do cedar waxwings survive on in the dead of winter?



Answers to Wiberg's questions:

1. kingfisher & osprey
2. mourning doves (open season on them down south)
3. pine siskin, evening grosbeak and red poll
4. Carolina wren
5. brown creeper
6. Several kinds of dried berries.

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Tewksbury Year 2005 Town Census

The annual town census has been mailed to every residence. Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey recommends that the town census form be completed and returned to the Town Clerk's Office, as soon as possible. Carey explains that a prompt and accurate census is very important. The Census provides information needed to assure that the Town receives its fair share of state and federal funds and grants. The census information serves to provide: proof of residency to protect voting rights and to maintain the voting list, allows college students to apply for lower tuition at all Massachusetts State Colleges. By law we can only certify that you live in Tewksbury if you are listed in the census records. Owning property is not used for proof of residency.

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Residents in housing complexes at Carnation Drive, Saunders Circle, and Flucker Heights, as well as residents at nursing homes and at the Tewksbury Hospital, need not complete a census form; census information is acquired from the secretaries at each business office. "Your cooperation in returning the census form, as soon as possible, will prevent a costly follow-up," Carey reminds residents. If you are a new resident or if you have not received a census form please notify the Town Clerk's Office at (978) 640-4355.



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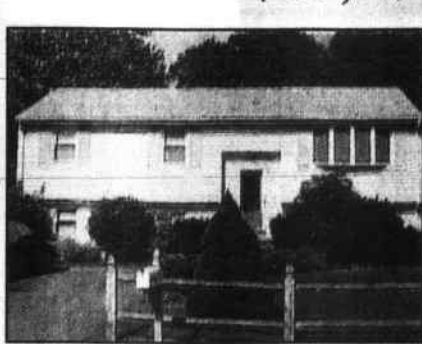
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Ollila makes the big jump ahead

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

One of the great things about high school sports is watching an athlete grow as a person and as an athlete, maturing as they enter adulthood life. For Wilmington High School boys basketball senior co-captain Eric Ollila, that time is now. Because it's this time now in the present where he gets it, and is making the most of his situation.

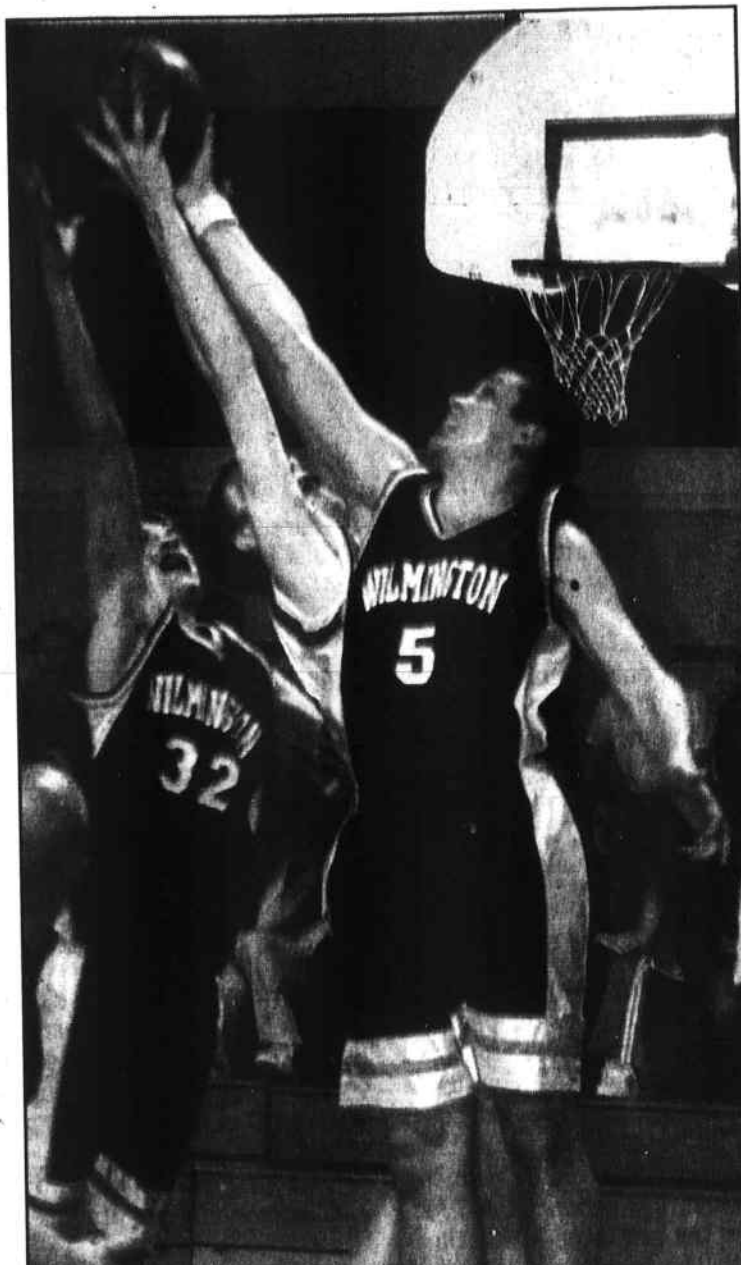
For the nest two years, Ollila was always a very talented athlete. He could always shoot, he could always drive to the basket and he certainly can jump and defend as good as anyone. Now with a better understanding, a better concept of the atmosphere and what his job entails, Ollila is much more consistent and has been the team's go-to player in their strong 7-3 start.

On Friday night at home, the Wildcats faced off against the defending Division 4 finalist Ipswich Tigers, led by league MVP of a year ago Justin Woodworth, a very deadly outside shooter. Wilmington, the returning Division 3 North sectional finalist and three-time Cape Ann League Large School Champions, were looking to turn their slow start of a season into something big. They did, thanks in part to many outstanding efforts including Ollila.

When Ollila doesn't get too azy and lets his athleticism and basketball knowledge take over, he's as good as they come. Friday night he poured in 22 points, grabbed 12 boards, played solid defense and helped get the rest of his teammates involved in the action packed 79-66 victory at the Cushing Gymnasium.

"Eric has been excellent all season long," said coach Jim McCune. "I really can't say enough about him. When we attack the basket, that's when Eric comes in and gets everyone involved. He's such a big part of our team and our success."

The previous Friday night, Ollila scored all but two of the team's final 13 points in their sloppy victory over Lynnfield.



Wilmington High senior co-captain Eric Ollila of the boys basketball team, has put together a tremendous season thus far for the 7-3 Wildcats.

(Jessica Stygles photo)

This past Friday night, facing a much better opposing team, the 'Cats got after it - scoring 42 points in the first half and another 37 in the second half. When Woodworth hit one of his six three-pointers on the net to cut the lead down to single digits with 2:57 to go, Ollila burst out scoring the 'Cats next six points as part of their 7-0 run to put the game away.

"Definitely defense today," said Ollila of the reasons why the 'Cats prevailed. "We got out on them. We had a lot of problems with Olson (of Rockport) last week but tonight we did a better job (defensively) and we rebounded a lot better. I've been waiting all season for this because they beat us last year. They gave us a tough loss last year and I couldn't wait to face (Woodworth)."

While Woodworth and teammate Joey Herra surpassed Ollila in the point production on the night, it certainly didn't matter to Ollila, because know he understands it.

"When we have the press going we are hard to stop. When we get the press going, we create a lot of steals and we can get some looks going and Joey (Herra) can hit some shots. We just get to run. We rebound the ball and we push the ball up the floor. We're a lit-

tle bit undersized but we're pretty quick.

"I'm trying to run more - I've been waiting for this for a long time to be a leader. I don't know I just try to run the floor and give up the ball unselfishly. When I run the floor, get some offensive rebounds and put my head down (that's when I realize) I can score a lot more points (and help the team out more)."

After not scoring a point with in the first three minutes of Friday's game, Ollila got involved in a hurry. He scored his first basket on a nice look by Herra, and followed that up shortly thereafter with a steal and a lay-up, which was the start of a 11-0 steal which he helped finished with another steal which led to Mark Giordano's basket which gave Wilmington a 19-9 lead at the time. Wilmington led by a point before that 11-0 run which Ollila started, and the 'Cats never looked back after that.

"We're pretty balanced offensively and I think that's why we can score in the high 70s and low 80s like we've done (the past two games)," said Ollila. "I just think if we play strong defense, the offense comes."

Spoken like a true veteran leader.

Boys Basketball team tops Ipswich at home

Wildcats offense too tough to stop

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

You couldn't have possibly asked for anything more than what was delivered on Friday night.

The three-time Cape Ann League Large School Champion Wilmington Wildcats, the reigning Division 3 North sectional finalist, hosted the Ipswich Tigers, the defending Division 4 North sectional finalist, who came into the game with a 7-1 record behind reigning league MVP Justin Woodworth.

After 32 fast paced back-and-forth minutes of high school basketball, the Wildcats improved to 7-3 on the season with a 79-66 offensive victory held in front of a packed house at Cushing Gymnasium. Junior Joe Herra had a game high 30 points for the 'Cats including five treys, while senior Eric Ollila poured in 22 as the 'Cats had three players in double figures.

Woodworth finished with 26 points, including six treys, the majority of them well beyond the three-point arc.

All in all there were 14 three-pointers in the game, and for the Wildcats, they have now scored a combined 160 points in their last two games.

"Tonight I think we did what we do well longer," said coach Jim McCune. "We kept up the pace. It was about our defense. We knew they were going to score, and we knew that we had to score a lot of points. The kids played harder tonight than I think you have seen all year. That's been the message all along that they have to play a little bit extra. This was a big game for us. We dropped one to Hamilton-Wenham and teams like Ipswich and Pentucket are going to factor into the large school conference race.

"If you can beat one of those two teams it'll be big for you down the end. They are going to be tough to beat for anyone in the league. This win is big for us, especially here at home. We haven't been playing that good at home and that's different than before because we've been great here."

Wilmington stormed out to a 19-9 lead forcing Ipswich to call a timeout in between an 11-0 run. Wilmington scored many of its points off turnovers, off fast breaks, and terrific passes all through transitional play. At that time the 'Cats were playing a 2-3 zone and it seemed to have bothered Woodworth, who struggled in the first half shooting, missing a handful of good look attempts.

The 'Cats were able to push their lead to as many as 15 points at 39-24 with 2:38 to go in the first half after Herra drained a three-pointer. Ipswich was able to climb back into the game before the halftime break ending the last 2:38 outscoring Wilmington 8-3, making it an eight point game at 42-32.

Ipswich's outside game cut the lead down to a point as the Tigers drained three treys to begin the second half. After a Wilmington timeout, the 'Cats went back to work and broke the game wide open. Wilmington outscored Ipswich 18-2 after the timeout was called. Brian Cairra was immense in that stretch scoring six of his 12 points on the night, the first on a put back and the last two on nice left handed drives to the hoop. Ollila mixed in several key baskets and Herra capped the

scoring drive with a steal and gorgeous up and under move despite changing hands several times because of the tough defense Ipswich provided on the play.

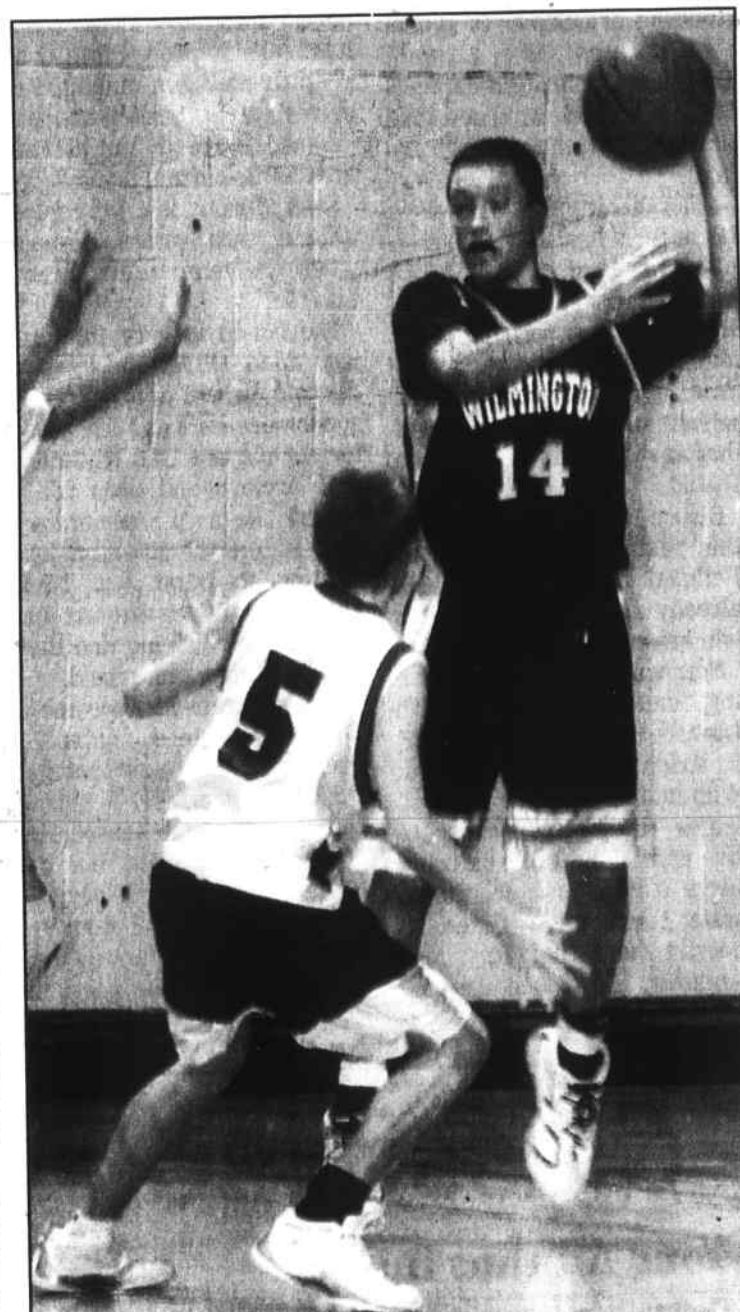
"I just think the effort was there tonight and consistent throughout the entire game," said McCune. "Offense isn't a problem and we never thought it would be a problem. We're capable of scoring 79 and 80 points a night. We move the ball, we have guys who can shoot, we have a good inside-outside combination and the kids are unselfish. We're getting three kids double digits in scoring a night and last game we had four. Our whole thing is defense. We might give up more points than we are accustomed too, but when you press you're going to give up that lay-up from time to time."

"I thought the zone was effective - they made some bombs I

digits and put Ipswich away for good.

"Tonight was a great win. They've all been playing well but I think tonight they went the extra mile. You can't forget the guys who do the dirty work - Sean Murphy has done a nice job rebounding the ball, and Mark Giordano has really been able to settle us down at the point guard position. He didn't shoot the ball great today but he's a threat. We got timely contributions off the bench in the first half, and in the second half things were going too good for us to make any changes. And to make changes just for the sake of making changes is kind of stupid.

"Hopefully there is more of this to come. Hopefully the kids can instill that hunger and the (CAL Large School Division) is wide open - we all have two losses. We're right



Wilmington High junior Brian Cairra, shown here making a pass during last Tuesday's win on the road against Rockport, has improved tremendously from last year which is one of the keys to this year's 7-3 start for the three-time league champions.

(Jessica Stygles photo)

mean they were four and five feet away (from the three-point line). The thing we have to work on is being a little tighter. As the game went on we got wider and wider and we want to be wide to the ball but not everywhere else because we were leaving the middle wide open. They started to attack us in the lane and we have to work on stopping that."

Leading 60-43 with 8:48 to go in the game, Ipswich was able to make things a little uncomfortable the rest of the way. With 6:08 to go Woodworth connected for a three-pointer which cut the lead down to 64-53. He then converted on three more treys in the next four minutes, with his last coming with 51 seconds to go in the game, which made it an 11-point game. In between his heaves, came six straight points from Ollila, including a great look from Cairra which pushed the lead back to double

there. We have as good of a chance as anyone but we have to string some wins together because it's not easy going into the tournament having to win on the road. We haven't lost a home tournament game in I don't know how long. We don't lose at home in the tournament. The crowds have been great. I'm glad we gave them something to see which will make them want to come back.

"It was nice to see the way we moved the ball. Up the floor and the ball movement was great. Who doesn't like to see threes in transition? But when we attack, we're attacking. I think this team is as good offensively as any of the teams in the past - just there's no big names. They are just as unselfish and they move the ball very well. We scored 81 the other night and 79 tonight and that's pretty good."



The Wilmington Squirt B youth hockey team were tournament champions and were able to sit in box seats and hang out with Louie the Lock Monster during Sunday's Lowell Lock Monsters ice hockey game played at the Tsongas Arena. Members of the team include (from left to right): JB Thompson, Chris Piscatelli, Matt Curran, Alex Harrington, Eric Masiello, Nikhil Dixit and Killian Smith.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

From the Press Box

First half grades are in for local hoop, hockey teams

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It's the half way point all around. Currently we are half way through the high school sports school year, and half way through the winter sports season. The New England Patriots are half way through achieving another Super Bowl (just two more wins, baby!), and the Bruins are halfway through its regular season awaiting another playoff appearance ... oh wait a minute, there's no NHL hockey.

Last year around this time (well a few weeks ahead of us now) we were all surprised when Janet Jackson displayed a body part, while the Pats celebrated with another championship. During the fall season we were surprised once again as the Boston Red Sox won it all, and the Wilmington High football team pulled off the unthinkable with its 11-0 regular season.

Now as we enter the last few weeks of January the first half of the winter season gave us new surprises, and now what can we expect for the second half? So here goes with the mid-term grades for all of the respective winter sports teams:

Basketball

Tewksbury Boys: I like this team. I like the way it plays and I like the potential it has. The problem, like many of the other sports, is the league. The MVC is awesome when it comes to boys basketball - year in and year out Central Catholic, Lawrence and Andover are above everyone, then teams like Lowell, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Haverhill and Methuen are always extremely tough to beat.

I like the way this team plays because it hustles - the team plays hard all of the time. I know that's expected and it should be that way for every team, every town, but sometimes when it comes to high school sports you don't get that as much as you think you should.

Before taking on Andover this past Tuesday night, the Redmen had a record of 4-6, already equalling the team's win amount from last year.

Now with 10 games remaining, including contests with Lincoln-Sudbury, Dracut, Billerica, Chelmsford, Wilmington and Melrose - all teams Tewksbury is competitive with - the Redmen could make a run for a legitimate state tournament berth. It doesn't help that they face Andover, Lawrence (twice)

and Haverhill, but it's certainly a possibility that the team could end up with ten or eleven wins to qualify for the tourney.

In order for that to happen, they need consistency from its veteran guys, while the three juniors Jeff Fredriksen, Jay Fagone and Chris Mastone continue to emerge as stars. All three of them are fantastic athletes who are really coming into their own. If this team continues to hustle and improve every game, there should be no reason why they won't be fighting for a playoff spot come mid-February.

Grade: B+

Wilmington Boys: After a slow start this team is coming on - at the perfect time. The slow start was expected, after all two of its starting players weren't with the team when it broke pre-season because of the football team's success.

It's plain and simple when it comes to dissecting this team - they play with passion, fire, run the floor and play defense, the 'Cats are competitive with anyone in Division 3, despite its lack of size and it's youth.

If Wilmington plays a slow tempo game, they are nothing more than a mediocre team, who will instantly fall when the state tournament comes.

Senior point guard Mark Giordano has been a real nice compliment to the starting line-up after spending the last three years at Malden Catholic. Joe Herra and Eric Ollila are the go-to players, who when they are on, are a deadly duo as any. Brian Cairra has really improved from last year. His decision making, his drives to the basket and his defense has really put him on another level from a year ago.

Sean Murphy is a very good athlete, who comes through when the team really needs him too.

The bench is very interesting. John Olivere looks like the old school guys - as a sophomore he looks like what former players Dan Kivelhan, Jeff Arciero and even Ollila looked like as a sophomore - that is tons of potential just waiting to burst out. Nick Duggan and Greg Stewart just need some polishing and they will be in that same mold.

This program has become a Division 3 state contender every year. It might not get the 7-foot-2 transfers in during the middle of the season like some other schools, but the 'Cats are a tremendously talented and successful program. If the team plays the way they are capable of, the possibi-

ties of another 15-win season, league title and deep post season run is right there for the taking.

Grade: B

Wilmington Girls: We should just call this team the New Orleans Saints. The NFL football Saints always fell behind early in games. The Lady Wildcats seem to fall behind early in the season only to come back strong. That says a lot about the character of the team that they never quit but putting yourself in these predicaments often will someday come back and haunt you.

This team is extremely young - two years from now there's potential of this team really making some noise. But for right now they are right where they should be. With a 5-4 overall record, the 'Cats could have six or seven wins right now, which really would be something considering the team is starting a senior, a junior, two sophomores and a freshman.

Sophomore center Ashley Vitale has really been putting everything together as of late and if she continues her double-double numbers, the team will be tough to beat. Outside shooters Lani Cabral-Pini and Nicole Sauve really give this team a different look.

Sophomore Samantha Canning hasn't had her shots fall just yet, but once she does, she's really going to give this team a bigger boost.

The second half of the season is going to be much more difficult than the first half, however, if the team continues to play like it has than getting a few big wins shouldn't be out of the question. Last year the 'Cats defeated Masco, North Andover and Amesbury, and already this year they played Lynnfield, the Division 3 North sectional finalists to a four-point game.

When this team does what it's suppose to do, and doesn't try to do too much, it's a good all-around team that's young, energetic with tons of potential.

The 'Cats will be battle tested in the second half with two games against North Andover, two games against a much improved Concord-Carlisle team, and single games against good teams such as Newburyport, Amesbury, and Masconomet, as well as competitive battles with Hamilton-Wenham, Georgetown, Triton and Tewksbury.

Wilmington needs five more wins to qualify for the state tournament for the second straight season - the possibility of that happening are very



Leo Keefe and the rest of the Tewksbury High boys hockey team are off to a 6-2-1 record through the first half of the season and for that they receive a first half grade of B
(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

strong, but the possibility of getting 12 wins with one senior in the line-up, after starting off 1-3, would certainly be something this program hasn't seen since Tom and Jerry made its first television show appearance.

Grade: B+

Tewksbury Girls: After a combined 31 wins the past two seasons, it's unfair to think that this year's team, with one returning starter, could equal what the past two teams have done. This year's team is young, inexperienced and facing the gruesome MVC schedule. However, the second half gets much easier for the team, and it could salvage 7-10 wins if it starts to play more consistently.

In order for this team to get back on the winning track, it has to take care of the ball, and get several other players to step up their play. After Tuesday's game against Andover, there's not one game on the team's remaining schedule where Tewksbury can't come away with a victory. The question is, does the team still have the heart to do it, or has this middle of the schedule losing streak taking everything out of them?

Grade: C+

Hockey

Wilmington Girls: With a 9-0 record, and a run of 27 wins in the last 30 games which includes the three losses by a combined four goals (including an empty-netter) this team has emerged as one of the best in all of Division 2. Newcomers Casey Pickett and Marie Pescatore has really complemented the team very well. Pickett is the real deal

and she's only in 8th grade. This team can really skate and can play defense.

The only obstacle standing in the team's way of continuing its great run is themselves - if they stop playing as a team or their heads get too big what they have worked for the past five years will fall apart. But if they continue to pass, skate and play together as a team, the Division 2 tournament could certainly have a surprise team in the mix.

Grade for the team: A+; Grade for head coach Joe McMahon's attire at practice: A+

Wilmington Boys: Over the past decade what has made the boys ice hockey team what it is today is the passion the team always played with. Every Saturday afternoon at home you could count on a team that played with fire, who hit everything in sight, who scored great goals and who came from behind to win some clutch games. Every now and then the past teams would have a clunker, but they would come back after that clunker to play a passionate game and pick up two points which the team really needed at the time. This year's team doesn't have that passion.

Granted this year's team is young, but when you have a goaltender playing as well as Timmy Anderson has all season long, he deserves some help. In order to him to earn some victories he deserves, the 'Cats need to play a much more consistent style of play - put the puck in deep, bang bodies, collect loose pucks out front and backcheck. The team has lacked in all of those areas.

If the passion doesn't return, the decade run of qualifying for the state tournament will end. That would be a shame since this year's team might lack goal scorers, but certainly can compete with every team it takes on.

Grade: D+

Tewksbury Boys: A hard lesson was learned last week by the Redmen, who were 5-0 and took Dracut for granted only to see the Middies hand them their lunch, 6-0. That might have helped Tewksbury who after falling to Boston Latin, came back to tie Chelmsford and beat Methuen. Currently the team stands at 6-2-1 overall, and have defeated two very good teams in Central Catholic and Waterville, Maine, and tied another very good team in Chelmsford but barely got by a mediocre Methuen team.

Once again it comes down to competing everyday. This year's team has some holes which need to be covered up, but six wins thus far is a great start. The second half of the schedule really favors the Redmen, and if the team can get on a roll it could really climb up the charts once the Division 2 tournament comes and get a great seed. But in order to come away with wins against some good teams, it needs to play physical, it needs to get production from more than the first line and it's four defensemen, and it needs to stay out of the penalty box.

Dating back to last year the team has gone 19-8-4, after combining for seven wins the previous two combined years.

Grade: B

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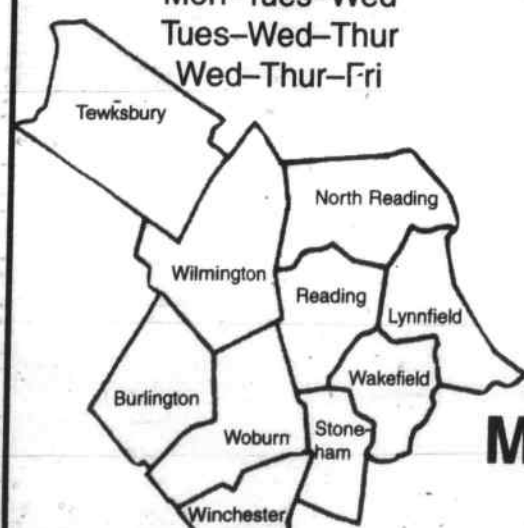
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Perfect record for boys track team comes to a halt

By JOHN CLEMENO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys track team had their undefeated season come to a screeching halt last week after entering the hardest part of their schedule with meets against Cape Ann League powers Masconomet and North Andover.

And while the final results weren't pretty — the Wildcats lost to Masco (63-23) last Wednesday, and the Scarlet Knights (57-29) on Saturday — there were some bright spots for the squad.

Senior Chris Murray set a new league best in the 1-mile, junior Matt Marden bested his personal mark in the shot put by three feet, and senior Brian Giamberardino qualified for the states in two different events.

"Who scheduled those two teams against us in the same week," quipped head coach Bob Cripps. "The results weren't surprising, but we took away some positive things. The kids did well, but they were overpowered and outrun."

Against the Chieftains, Murray took first in the 1-mile with a time of 4:45.1 while Will Neiman captured yet another shot put victory with a distance of 40 feet, 10 inches.

"Will Neiman is one of the

best in the league, and consistently scores for us," said Cripps.

Giamberardino took second in the 50-yard dash with State-qualifying time of 5.9 seconds, and P.J. Russo was the runner-up in the 1,000-yard (2:38). And, notably, high jumpers Brad Colegrove and Mike Golden tied for second at 4 feet, 10 inches.

"This is our first year with high jumpers, and they're all just sophomores, so we're looking for good things from them in the future," said Cripps of his high jumpers that swept two of the previous three meets.

Finishing out the scoring for the Wildcats were sophomore Mike Stewart in the 50-yard hurdles (8.0), junior Chris Crosby in the 600-yards (1:27.3), and Alex Chalmers in the 2-mile (11:25).

Things got a little better for the Wildcats on Saturday against North Andover. The event drawing the most anticipation was the 1-mile showdown featuring the Scarlet Knights, Chris Murray against Wilmington's Chris Murray.

Much like a lot of hyped events, this one didn't live up to the billing as the Wilmington Murray bested the North Andover Murray by 16 seconds with a league-best 4:43.0. He

remains undefeated in the CAL.

Other Wilmington winners were Giamberardino, who qualified for the States in the 300-meters (40.5) in his first time running the event, and Russo, who posted his second victory of the season in the 1,000-meters (2:55.8).

Encouraging news came from the shot put event, where Matt Marden (40 feet, 6 inches) placed second behind teammate Neiman (40 feet, 9 inches).

"Marden is new to the shot. He's only been doing it for a couple of weeks," said Cripps of the junior who took a third against North Reading earlier this year.

Cripps was also pleased with his first-place relay team of Giamberardino, Victor Dellisola, Mike Condell and Chalmers. The freshman Condell and the junior Chalmers each broke 60 seconds — the first time for Condell.

Rounding out the scoring for Wilmington was Crosby, who placed third in the 600-meters at 1:39.2.

Next up for the Wildcats is a tri-meet with Newburyport and Amesbury on Jan. 26.

Girls hockey team turning dreams into reality

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For the first few years of existence, members of the Wilmington High School girls hockey team and its coaching staff wondered what it would be like to have a team that could skate, pass and win with the best of them. That at the time was in their wildest dreams. Now it has become a reality.

The incredible winning ways have continued for the Lady Wildcats who knocked off both Quincy/North Quincy and Masconomet Regional this past week.

The 5-0 win over the combined Quincy/North Quincy team and the 6-4 win over Masco puts the team at 9-0 this season, one win away from qualifying for the state tournament for the second straight season. Wilmington has now won 27 of its last 30 games.

"I'm very surprised that we are 9-0," said coach Joe McMahon. "It's been a long year in the making. I think we're doing this well because the girls have the desire to play, how to work together and play together, and then the job of the coaching staff. The assistant coaches I have are incredible and they just do a fantastic job. This has been five years in the making."

"It's surprising now because we enter rinks and the opposing team says take it easy on us, when we were used to saying that to the other teams. What we are doing now, cycling the puck, playing great defense, skating and scoring are the things that we hoped we could eventually do years ago."

Wilmington dominated during Saturday's 5-0 blanking over Quincy/North Quincy. The 'Cats outshot their opponents 49-10. Jessica Sciolli led the way with two goals, while Marie Pescatore, Casey Pickett and Katelyn Lynch each had one goal. Pickett collected three assists, Jen Corcoran had two, while Allison Powers and Lynch each had one.

Goaltender Julie Martell picked up the shut out making all ten stops.

"They weren't a very good team and they had just 12 skaters, but their goalie was very good and she really stood on her head," said McMahon.

Two days later on Monday afternoon, Wilmington took on Masconomet, who they have matched up evenly with every time the teams have faced each other in the five years.

This time the 'Cats came away with a 6-4 victory, led by another hat trick by Maria Tucker, while Pescatore, Sciolli and Pickett each had one goal. Bridget Griffin picked up two assists, while Melissa Bianchi,

Powers, Sciolli and Pescatore each had one.

"It was a back-and-forth game," said McMahon. "We were trailing by a goal and we were able to tie it up and then go ahead, and add an empty-netter. I thought the girls played very well — they played great positional hockey. It was a very quick game."

"Masco is in real good shape and they played well. But Wilmington kept the puck in the Masco zone a lot more and the passing and defense was very good."

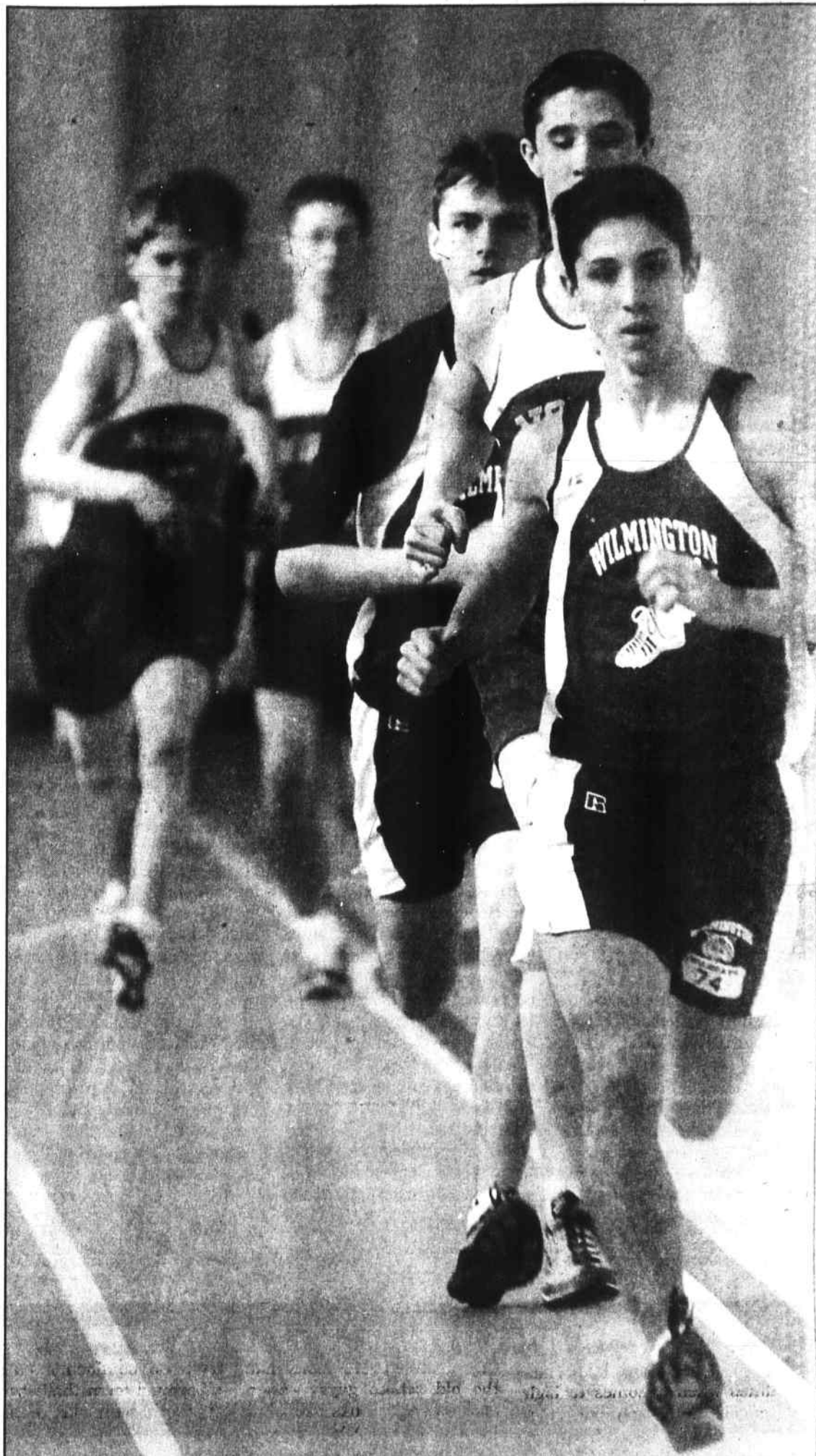
Through the team's first nine games, Wilmington has outscored its opponents 51-10 — allowing just 1.1 goals per game, while scoring 5.7 per

game. Sciolli and Pickett lead the team with 27 points each. Sciolli had 13 goals and 14 assists, and Pickett has 15 goals and 12 assists.

Tucker is right behind with 11 goals and 3 assists, including six goals in the past three games.

This weekend the team will participate in the annual Martha's Vineyard tournament. On Saturday the 'Cats will take on Cambridge, and depending if they win or lose that game, they will face either Sandwich or host Martha's Vineyard on Sunday.

The 'Cats will return home on Wednesday, January 26th against Gloucester beginning at 7:20 pm.



Wilmington High's PJ Russo leads the pack during the 1,000 race during a recent CAL Boys Track Meet.

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Debbie Lyons (left) and several of the other shot putters await their turn during a recent CAL track meet.

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Wrestlers take seventh

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High wrestling team finished in seventh overall place in the 12-team prestigious Mount Anthony, Vermont tournament held this past weekend. The 'Cats finished with 76 total points in the all day tournament held at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vermont, where head coach Mike Pimental graduated from and was a state champion himself.

Wilmington had five different place finishers, including Jon Kelly and Mike St. Aubin, who took third place in the 119 and 135-pound weight classes, respectively. Mike Sorrentino (125), Evan Walsh (130) and

Tim Sughrue (140) placed fourth in their respective weight classes.

The 'Cats are 6-3 on the season and 3-1 in the league in dual meets. On Wednesday night they faced Marblehead on the road while this paper was being printed. On Saturday morning they host a quad meet with Pentucket, Winchester and Catholic Memorial coming to the high school gymnasium beginning at 10:00 am.

Counting those two meets, as well as single matches with Tyngsboro and Haverhill and another quad meet featuring Woburn, Triton and Gr. Lawrence, Wilmington needs eight wins in its final nine matches to break last year's school record of 13 wins.

Girls looking to get back on the right track

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After suffering two very lopsided defeats, the Wilmington High girls track team will be looking to make up for that during this Saturday's Class C State Relay Meet which will be held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury beginning at 2:30 pm.

This past week the girls were defeated by Masconnet, 80-6, and North Andover, 62-24, bringing the team's overall record to 1-4-1.

"Both of those teams have been beating everyone like that because they are that good," said coach Tom Bradley. "We still have a few meets left where we can pull out some

wins. But we're hoping to do well Saturday, especially with the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams."

The trio of Jackie Mello, Jen Comer and Alicia Braid will take part in both relays, with either Debbie Lyons or Joanne Waterhouse filling the other two spots. Lyons missed out this week's meet against Masco because she had a death in the family, and Bradley said she would have placed in several events giving the 'Cats more points but it still wouldn't have mattered.

Against Masco, Wilmington could only achieve two out of the possible 28 places to score six points. Junior Jackie Mello and senior Alicia Braid took

first and third, respectively in the 50-yard dash for the team's only six points.

Against North Andover, Lyons came back strong to take first places in both the shot put tossing 31-6 and in the 55-meter hurdles coming across at 9.4. Mello again won the 55-meter dash coming in at 7.5. Braid finished second in the same race.

Freshman Stephanie Baima was third in the hurdles, while, Comer was second 300 as she just missed out on qualifying for the state meet, and Braid was second in the high jump clearing 4-4 to round out the team's scoring.



Wilmington High senior Chris Olson in action for the wrestling team.

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Hockey team firing blanks with effort, offense and wins

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Wilmington High boys hockey coach Steve Scanlon probably thought he had seen it all in his ten plus years behind the bench. But this is different. What he's seeing now is something he's not used to.

"We're 4-7 overall and 2-5 in the league," he said after the team dropped games to Lynnfield, 6-0, and Amesbury, 3-0, this past week. "When you mix youth, injuries and you just don't want to do the necessary work all together you get a bad combination. We're getting great goaltending, but we won't put a body on people, especially in our own end."

It seems like the lack of effort lately has cost the team.

"Lynnfield is a very good team," said Scanlon. "They're very quick. We know that we are offensively challenged but we won't defend and that's going to be a problem. Hockey is a simple game. If you work hard you can stay in games, but if we continue this we're going to pay the price. When you don't work hard, and you don't defend, you're going to learn the hard way."

Against Lynnfield, the 'Cats held with them for the first 13 minutes of the first period before giving up two goals in the final two minutes, coming 25 seconds within each other.

"That's huge," said Scanlon. "To be down 1-0 against a good team after one period isn't that

bad, but when you're down 2-0 giving up another goal 25 seconds later against a tough team is very tough to come back against."

Lynnfield continued its momentum scoring four more goals in the second period to break open the game. The Pioneers led 6-0 after the second period and then skated its third and fourth lines against the 'Cats in the third period. Still Wilmington struggled offensively.

Those struggles continued Saturday against Amesbury. Wilmington trailed 1-0 in the first period and had a golden chance to tie the game up before the break but failed to convert on a breakaway try. Actually Wilmington had three breakaways in the game, and failed to score on any of them. Amesbury added two more goals in the second period making it 3-0 and that was enough for the Indians the rest of the way.

"We gave up two goals within 25 seconds of one another again in that game," said Scanlon. "All because we don't want to defend. At the other end we had six or seven very good chances to score and we couldn't. We had three breakaways and we had power play chances too and didn't score."

Now at 4-7-1 overall, the 'Cats need 11 points in their final 9 games to qualify for the state tournament for the 12th straight season. With injuries

to three starters and now forward George Boudreau out for several weeks with Mono, and defenseman George Schultes nursing a knee injury, it appears as if the long streak might come to an end.

"We're in bad shape," said Scanlon. "We have a tough road ahead of us. We're pretty thin and these injuries don't help. We will not do the defensive work. You lose confidence when you don't score goals. But we have proven that we can come back. We've done it a few times this season. But we can't have just six or seven guys giving you everything they have every night - you need every single one of them. We could eke out some of these one goal games if everyone is playing their tails off but we don't."

"The off-season commitment isn't there. You have to pay to win. We could be hanging in there in games but the goals we give up are on blown coverages. We have more turnovers than a French Bakery Shop, especially in the neutral zone. It's a killer and I guess they'll learn their lessons the hard way."

Wilmington is in the middle of an 11-day lay-off and will not play again until Wednesday, January 26th, against Newburyport. The 'Cats return home on Saturday, Jan. 29th against North Reading, a solid team who defeated them earlier in the season.



Wilmington High junior defenseman Scott Dunnett battles in the corner with an opponent for a loose puck during a recent CAL boys hockey game played at Ristuccia Exposition Center. (Jessica Stygles photo)

Girls Hoop team over .500

Vitale's monster performances gives Lady 'Cats monster wins

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It was a terrific week for the Wilmington High girls basketball team who has turned their entire season around. After starting off 1-3, the 'Cats have won four of their last five games, with the loss coming by four points to the reigning Division 3 North Sectional finalist of Lynnfield. This past week the Lady 'Cats collected wins over Ipswich, 38-25, and Tewksbury, 41-25.

With the two wins the 'Cats are now 5-4 on the season, despite a starting line-up that consists of two sophomores and a freshman. Wilmington is now 17-13 in its last 30 games, and under third year head coach Al Duffett, the team is 26-24, a big difference from the combined 17 wins the previous three years before him.

Sophomore center Ashley Vitale had a monster week. She scored 16 points and had 18 rebounds in the win on the road Friday night, before showing off in front of the home crowd with 16 points and 19 rebounds in the victory over Tewksbury in a non-league contest. She also blocked three shots against Ipswich, who fell to 5-5 on the season with the loss.

In that game the 'Cats stormed out to whopping 21-6 halftime lead, before cruising the rest of the way to the 38-25 victory. Besides Vitale's performance, freshman Alyssa Brown came off the bench and chipped in with a solid seven points. Senior guard Lani Cabral-Pini had six points, both coming on two shots from beyond the arc.

Wilmington kept up its momentum on Sunday night returning home for a big win over Tewksbury (4-7). Vitale was the strong presence inside as she ended the night with those 16 points and 19 rebounds giving her 32 points and 37 rebounds in two games. Cabral-Pini had a solid night with 11 points, including three treys, while, sophomore Brienne Bozzella came off the bench to score four points and add three boards.

Wilmington came out strong taking a commanding 22-12 lead, and then outscored Tewksbury 19-13 in the second half.

The 'Cats now need five more victories to qualify for the Division 3 North sectional tournament for the second straight season. They will have their

work cut out for them as they face just three teams in the final stretch who currently have losing records.

This Friday night they will travel to Triton Regional (2-6) to take on the Vikings, before returning home on Tuesday against a very good North Andover (8-0) team beginning at 7:00 pm.

In their final 11 games, Wilmington has rematches

with Masconomet (8-0) and Hamilton-Wenham (4-4), both of which defeated the 'Cats, and Tewksbury. They still have to face North Andover twice, Concord-Carlisle twice (non-league games) and have single contests with Georgetown (1-7), the defending Division 4 North Sectional finalists, Newburyport (5-3) and Amesbury (6-2).



Teammates Zack Wilkins (far right) and Steven Stokes (near) exchange passes for the varsity boys ice hockey team during a recent CAL game played at Ristuccia Exposition Center. (Jessica Stygles photo)



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WHS Sub-Varsity Sports Round-Up

Junior Varsity Girls Hoop team eases by Rockport

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA
Sports Correspondent

Last Tuesday night, the Wilmington High JV girls basketball team absolutely destroyed the Rockport Vikings, 57-20.

Freshman Brittany Winchell led the way with ten-points and she couldn't be stopped in the paint. Katie Sullivan had nine points in the effort, including a last second three-pointer at halftime. Lauren Hitchins and Katie Cole each had eight.

This one wasn't even a contest as Rockport was suffocated on the offensive end and overpowered on the defensive end. Sam Sousa, Ashley Bruno, Jess Harrington and Natalie Melkonian all had four points and were instrumental on defense.

Tara Martinello kept the ball moving on the perimeter and issued pinpoint control on her passes.

And Friday night was no different. The Lady Cats dis-

patched of Ipswich by more than 20 points. Ipswich was held to six points in the first half, which let Wilmington emphasize their depth. "Everybody got a lot of minutes," said Coach Audrey Cabral-Pini. "We just used the shot clock in the second half and worked on our passing."

Freshmen Boys Basketball:

It seems the Wildcats took out some of their frustration from

last week's overtime loss, by crushing Ipswich 51-24 on Friday. It wasn't long before the Cats were in cruise control, and still were effortlessly racking up the points, while stifling Ipswich.

"We certainly picked up our defensive effort this week" said Coach Jay Keane.

Carlton Lentini and Zack Fahey led the team with nine points each, and Kevin Skinner had six. Pat Cassidy, Nick Farnsworth, Tom Barry, Kevin

Carter and Trevor Cormier all had four.

"There was a good balanced attack from all players on both ends of the floor", says Keane.

Matt Derian played lights out perimeter defense and also pitched in a bucket, as did Kyle Moon.

JV Boys Basketball:

The JV boys didn't have as much luck against Ipswich as the freshmen did, as they fell 57-48 to a very good Ipswich

club. Dan Patterson and Matt Brooks each had ten, while Evan Borsetti and Matt Bibeau each had six. It was a seesaw first half as the Cats went into the locker room down by just one, 27-26.

In the second half, Sophomore Mike Thomas scored seven of his nine points but it wasn't enough as Ipswich began to find holes in the defense and pull away. Stephen Cruz also added five to the team total.

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A petition has been presented to said court by Brian Michael Jones and Jaime Ann Jones formerly known as Jaime Casey of Wilmington in the County of MIDDLESEX praying for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to GEORGIANNA SARAH JONES.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Middlesex Probate & Family Court 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA. 02141 on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on March 22, 2005.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, January 11, 2005.

John R. Buonomo
Register of Probate
1.19.05, 1.26.05, 2.2.05 4425

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 27, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by James J. Robichaud for a variance from the Zoning ByLaw, Section 3651 to increase the existing non-conforming structure to construct a farmer's porch to the existing dwelling twenty-one (21) feet setback from the street. Premises located at 60 Pringle Street, Assessor's Map 97, Lot 26, zoned residential.

Steven J. Sadwick, Director
1.12.05, 1.19.05 4423

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



PUBLIC HEARING DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 7, 2005 at 7:10 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Bruce and Janet Russell for a two (2) lot subdivision.

Said property is located at 815 South Street, Assessor's Map 98, Lot 197, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA during 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Steven J. Sadwick, Director
1.19.05, 1.26.05 4429

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Daniel A. Borofsky to Advanta National Bank, dated April 24, 2000 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10799, Page 296, as affected by that Judgment dated December 30, 2003 and recorded January 8, 2004 at Book 16729, Page 107 at said Registry of Deeds, which Judgment did reform the mortgage to include the description of the property, of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2005, on the mortgaged premises located at 20 Oakridge Circle, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts being shown as lot 54 on a plan entitled "Park Street Acres" Wilmington, Massachusetts, surveyed for John D. Cooke by H. Kingman Abbott, Registered Surveyor, dated December, 1950, a copy of which plan is recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds in Book of Plans 79, Plan 40, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by Oakridge Circle, 100.01 feet;
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Being the same premises as conveyed in Book 8708 at Page 40."

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 8708, Page 40.

"These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

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1.12.05, 1.19.05, 1.26.05 4411

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen in the Wilmington Arts Center, 219 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 14, 2005 on the application of Robert G. Peterson, Attorney at Law, 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 acting on behalf of Arrow Paper Corporation, for a permit to Remove Earth Products on land situated at 228 and 230 Andover Street and a portion of 25 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA and further described as Parcels 18C, 18D and 204 on Assessor's Map R1 and shown on a plan on file with the application for said permit.

Michael V. McCoy, Chairman
1.19.05, 1.26.05 4424
Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 1-05 Robert Voner Map 88 Parcel 81

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 6.1.6.4 to construct a second floor addition no closer to the front lot line than the existing dwelling for property located on 9 Pleasant Road.

Case 2-05 Diesel II Norm Trust c/o D. Brown Map 35 Parcel 22

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 2 Lake Street.

Case 3-05 Diesel II Norm Trust c/o D. Brown Map 35 Parcel 22

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 3 Lake Street.

Case 4-05 Diesel II Norm Trust c/o D. Brown Map 35 Parcel 22

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 4 Lake Street.

Case 5-05 Quality Additions Map 32 Parcel 109

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 6.1.6.4 to construct a second floor addition, remove and replace the garage

and add a farmer's porch for property located on 11 Auburn Avenue.

Case 6-05 Quality Additions Map 32 Parcel 109

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations (Table II) § 5.2.5 for a shed to be 4.9 feet from the rear lot line and when ten feet is required for property located on 11 Auburn Avenue.

Case 7-05 Michael J. Carter Map 45 Parcel 138

To acquire a variance from § 5.2.6.1, Residential Landscape Buffer, reduce to 15 feet when 20 feet is required for property located on 84 Main Street

Case 8-05 Michael J. Carter Map 45 Parcel 138

To acquire a variance from § 6.4.2.4, Layout and Setback of Non Residential Parking, to construct the proposed parking area 11.9' from the existing Main Street right of way and 2' from the northern property line for property located on 84 Main Street.

Case 9-05 Sirtex c/o George McDonough Map R1 parcel 18F

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 3.6.5, Limited Manufacturing, for property located on 16 Upton Drive.

Case 10-05 Sirtex c/o George McDonough Map R1 Parcel 18F

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with § 6.6.7.2, medical, testing and research laboratories that dispose of biological, radioactive or chemical wastes for property located on 16 Upton Drive.

1.19.05, 1.26.05 4428

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
Middlesex Division
Docket No. 03P3786EP1
NOTICE OF EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of Lawrence Maynard Peterson AKA Lawrence M. Peterson late of TEWKSBURY, Middlesex County.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the FIRST AND FINAL account(s) of CAMERON MCLEAN WICKER AND EASTERN BANK AND TRUST as EXECUTOR of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at CAMBRIDGE on or before the ninth day of February, 2005, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

ROBERT W. ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Middlesex this seventh day of January, 2005.

1.19.05 John R. Buonomo
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Rufo helps UML take Tufts Meet

Junior Esia Johnson (Lawrence, MA) captured two events to lead the UMass Lowell women's track and field team to the Tufts University Indoor Invitational championship Saturday at the Gantcher Sports & Convocation Center.

UML compiled 213 points and defeated Tufts (180.5) and Wheaton (101). Keene State placed fourth with 80.5 points while Smith College took fifth with 62.

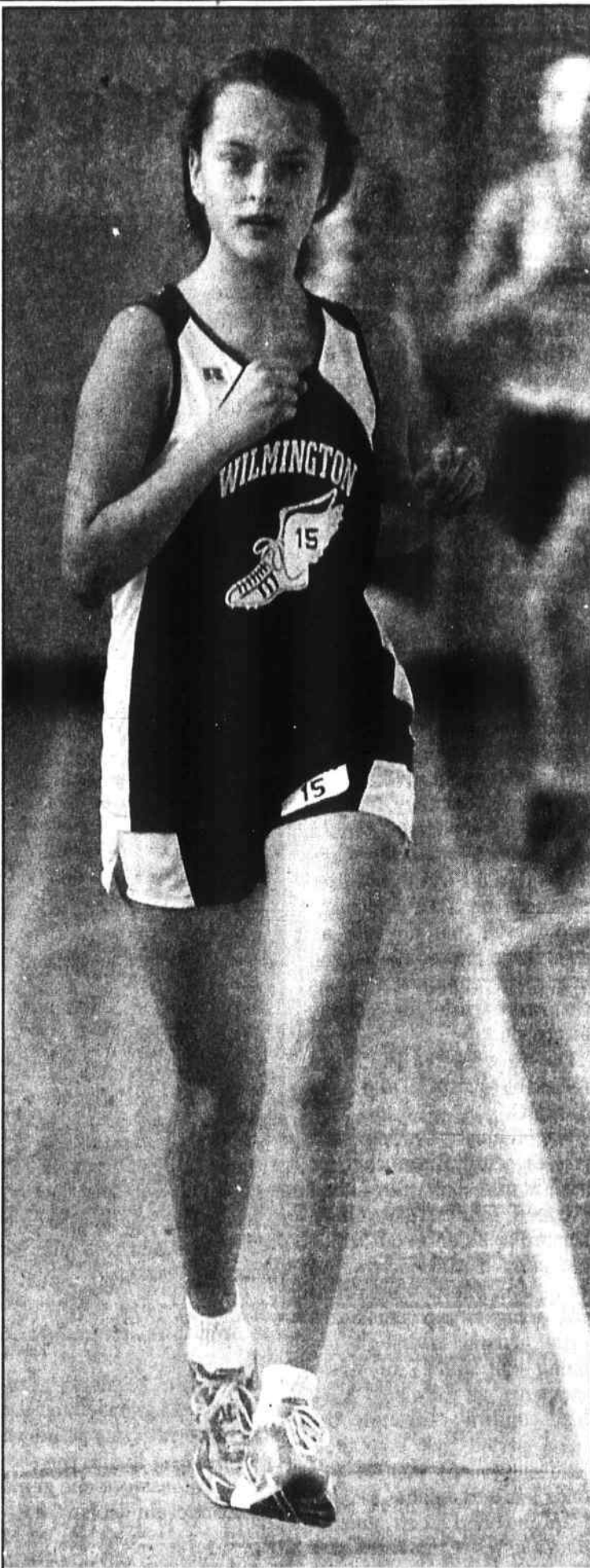
Johnson captured the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 4.5 inches and moved on to win the triple jump with a distance of 36-8.0. The feat marked the fourth straight meet in which Johnson has either won the long jump or topped all collegiate athletes.

Additionally, the River Hawks also prevailed in the 4X400 meter relay. Moulton won the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.25 seconds, significantly down from her time of 7.40 in the preliminary. She edged out sophomore teammate Tristan Johnson (Pittsfield, MA) who took second in 7.39 seconds.

Moulton and Tristan Johnson also finished first and second, respectively, in the 200 meter dash. Moulton posted a time of 25.71 while Tristan Johnson took second in 26.01, and Esia Johnson third in 26.82. Freshman Erin Doherty (Lawrence, MA) took fifth in 26.82. Handy topped a busy day by winning the 55 meter hurdles in 8.57 seconds, edging out senior teammate Shannon Seidel (Seattle, WA), who took second in 8.97.

Michaela Rufo (Wilmington, MA) took fourth in 1:43.04. Dancewicz-Singleton placed fifth (1:44.10), followed by Doherty (1:44.56).

In the shot put, Brodeur led two teammates in the top four as she covered a distance of 37-4.0. Freshman Jenn Clark (Tewksbury, MA) placed third with a toss of 37-0 and sophomore Nicole Staiti (Barre, MA) fourth with an effort of 36-5.0.



Wilmington High junior Kristina Kovalenko, an exchange student from Russia, participates in the two-mile during a recent Cape Ann League track meet held at North Andover. (Jessica Stygles photo)

Where's the Action

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury Sports				
Thurs	Jan 20	Wrestling	vs Shawsheen Tech	7:00 PM
Fri	Jan 21	Fr B/G Hoop	at Lawrence	3:30 PM
Fri	Jan 21	Gymnastics	vs Lowell	4:00 PM
Fri	Jan 21	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Lawrence	6:7:30 PM
Fri	Jan 21	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Lawrence	6:6:30 PM
Sat	Jan 22	Wrestling	at Hudson, Ma	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 22	B/G Track	Class C Relays at RLC	2:30 PM
Sat	Jan 22	V Hockey	at Andover	8:00 PM
Tues	Jan 25	Fr B/G Hoop	at Haverhill	3:30 PM
Tues	Jan 25	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Haverhill	6:7:30 PM
Tues	Jan 25	JV/V Boys Hoop	at Haverhill	6:7:30 PM
Tues	Jan 25	Gymnastics	at Billerica	7:00 PM
Wed	Jan 26	V Hockey	vs Lowell	6:00 PM
Wed	Jan 26	Wrestling	vs Chelmsford	7:00 PM

Wilmington Sports

Fri	Jan 21	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Triton	5:6:30 PM
Fri	Jan 21	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Triton	5:30/7 PM
Sat	Jan 22	Wrestling	vs Pen/CM/Win	10:00 AM
Sat	Jan 22	B/G Track	Class C Relays at RLC	2:30 PM
Sat	Jan 22	V Girls Hockey	at MV Tourney	TBA
Sun	Jan 23	V Girls Hockey	at MV Tourney	TBA
Tues	Jan 25	JV/V Boys Hoop	at N. Andover	5:30/7 PM
Tues	Jan 25	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs N. Andover	5:30/7 PM
Wed	Jan 26	B/G Track	vs New/Ames at NA	6:30 PM
Wed	Jan 26	V Boys Hockey	at Newburyport	5:00 PM

Shawsheen Tech Sports

Thurs	Jan 20	V Boys Hoop	vs Northeast	4:45 PM
Thurs	Jan 20	Wrestling	at Tewksbury	7:00 PM
Thurs	Jan 20	V Boys Hockey	vs Minuteman	7:00 PM
Fri	Jan 21	V Girls Hoop	vs Whittier Tech	5:15 PM
Sat	Jan 20	Wrestling	at Lowell	10:00 AM
Mon	Jan 24	V Boys Hoop	vs St. Clement's	4:45 PM
Tues	Jan 25	V Girls Hoop	at Northeast	5:15 PM
Wed	Jan 26	Swimming	at Lynn Tech	3:30 PM
Wed	Jan 26	V Boys Hoop	at Rockport	5:00 PM

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Shawsheen Tech Sports Wrap-Up

Rams boys hoop team falls to state champs

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team had only one game last week and it was likely as stiff a challenge as they will face all season, as the Rams traveled to Minuteman Regional and took on the defending Division 4 state champions Mustangs. The Rams hung in the game until early in the second half, but the Mustangs eventually pulled away to win by the lopsided score of 77-50 and drop the Rams record to 5-3 for the season.

Minuteman improved to 10-0. Shawsheen coach Ron Nowakowski knows his team is unlikely to face another team of Minuteman's caliber all season.

"They were state champions last season and they are even better this year," Nowakowski said. "They have more depth, and they could repeat as state champions. They have quickness, size, rebounding and three point shooting. They have it all."

The Rams trailed 43-37 with 10:00 left in the game before Minuteman went on their impressive run to close the game, and they got several good performances throughout the game from some of their key players including senior point guard Jeremy Sawicki of Tewksbury who led the team with 14 points to go along with five rebounds and

five assists.

"Jeremy has been very consistent for us and has played very good point guard for us," Nowakowski said. "Along with that, he is a very nice young man."

Senior center Mark Hinckley also played very well with 12 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots, while another Tewksbury resident, Dan Reed had 10 points and six rebounds.

While the loss was certainly tough for the Rams to take, Nowakowski feels that there were some positives to take out of the game for his team.

"It helps that we did not quit even though we were down," Nowakowski said. "The played hard to the very end, just like in life sometimes things are tough but you have to fight through it."

Girls Basketball

The girls team at the Tech had suffered a tough loss of their own to Greater Lawrence last Tuesday, but they bounced back nicely from that defeat with a pair of wins, the first one at home against Minuteman on Friday by a score of 55-44 and the second over Lowell Catholic this Tuesday night by a score of 53-41, also at home.

The 2-0 week improved the Lady Rams record 6-2, both overall and within the CAC

Upper Division.

In Tuesday's game, junior point guard Erica Marsh led the way with 21 points, including six three pointers, while Tewksbury resident, senior center Michelle Haberman scored 15 and added 13 rebounds. The Lady Rams led 25-13 at the half and maintained their comfortable lead for most of the game. Tewksbury's Kristin Cantwell also had a nice game with eight points.

"We didn't play a phenomenal game, but we played well enough to pretty much control the game throughout," Shawsheen coach Dick Barris said.

In the Minuteman game the Lady Rams showed no ill effect from their loss in the previous game when they had not played very well at all. Marsh, in particular came back very strong. After not scoring a single field goal in the Greater Lawrence game and being held to four free throws, she led the team in scoring with 18 points.

"She played well," Barris said. "She is our offensive catalyst and she was back to being that in this game. She had a couple of three pointers which were big for us."

As they have done several times this season, Shawsheen got a very balanced scoring attack. Along with Marsh's 18, they also got an outstanding game from Haberman who had 13 points and 13 rebounds, while Amanda Vacca added 11 points, and Cantwell chipped in nine points.

Barris is thrilled to have the luxury of such a balanced attack.

"We have four girls who can score and most high school teams do not have that," Barris said. "And we've got a great team concept. If any one person thinks they are better than the other they are sadly mistaken. The whole team has bought into that and they are doing very well."

The Lady Rams actually hit the same number of field goals as Minuteman, with each team connecting 18 times, but Shawsheen connected on 15 of 24 free throws, while Minuteman only hit six of nine. Barris feels his team earns their trips to the charity stripe with their hard work.

"Part of what we do is to get every one to go hard to the basket," Barris said. "We are all pretty aggressive and we know we need to get to the foul line. Then it is just a matter of hitting the free throws. Right now we are hitting at about 60 or 65%, but they are working on getting better."

Things won't get any easier for Shawsheen this week as they host undefeated Whittier

on Friday afternoon in a battle for CAC supremacy. Whittier routed Shawsheen earlier in the season by a score of 81-48.

"That will be a war. They were great last year and they have everybody back from that team," Barris said. "They will press all game long and you just have to be able to handle it. In our last game, we were only down 44-36 in the second half, but it got away from us."

Hockey

The Shawsheen hockey team saw their week get off to a rough start with a 4-2 loss to CAC rival Tyngsboro last Wednesday night at Skate 3 in Tyngsboro, but they finished the week very strong with a pair of non-league wins, starting with a 5-1 win over Dover Sherborn on Thursday night and flowed that up with an even more impressive 5-4 win over perennial nemesis Concord-Carlisle on Monday afternoon.

The 2-1 week put the Rams record at 6-6 overall and 2-1 in the CAC.

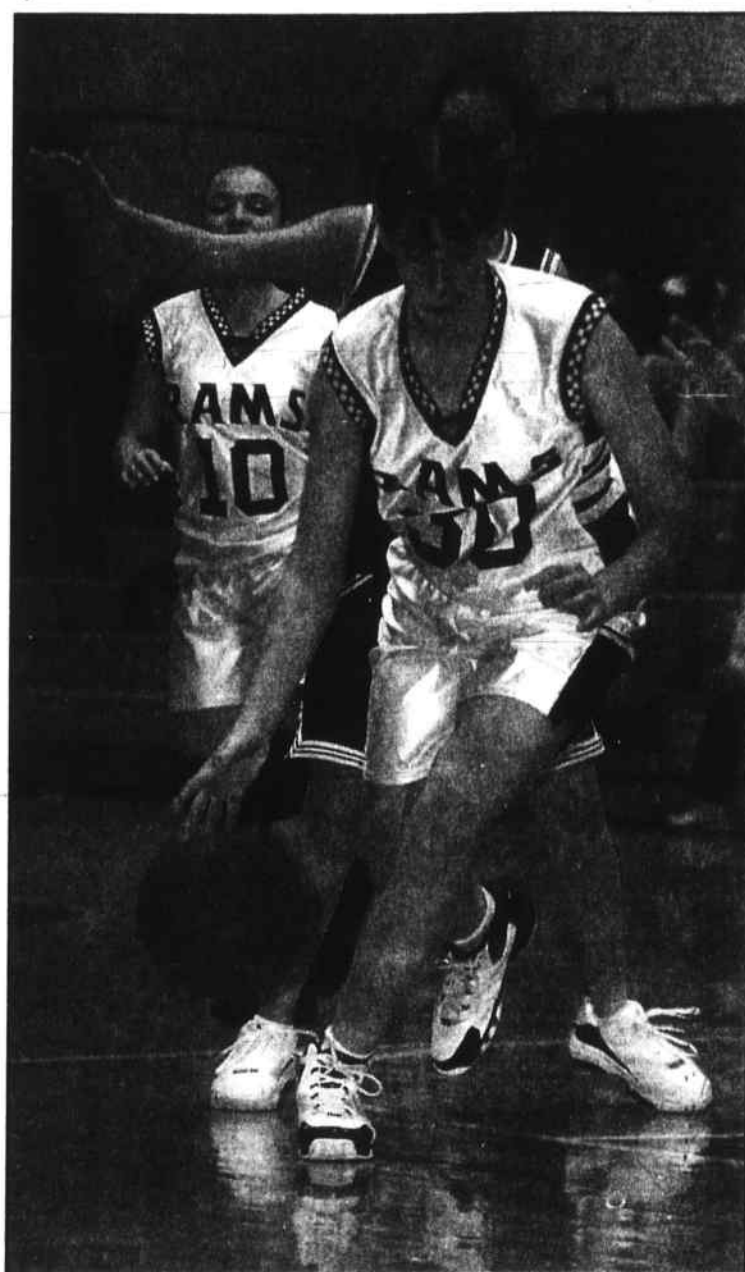
The Concord-Carlisle win was especially significant for the Rams, as they had dropped four straight decisions to Concord-Carlisle including a playoff loss two years ago, but the Rams were not going to be denied this time around, although the game did have its scary moments, as they held a 5-2 lead midway through the third period, but saw their lead cut to one with 21 seconds left in the game.

Gordon had seen enough tough losses to this team over the past few years to realize the game was not over until the final whistle.

"Unfortunately we were making some silly mistakes late in the game. I had already taken my timeout, so I couldn't take another one," Gordon said. "After the scored with 21 seconds left we were able to execute well to end the game, but sure I was starting to get a little nervous."

The Rams had broken the game open with three second period goals to break a 2-2 tie at the end of the first frame. Wilmington resident Jason Buckley got the Rams started in the second period with a goal at 5:54, while Dan Hanifan followed with a score at the 12:31 mark and another Wilmington resident Derick Duarte capped the spurt less than a minute later with a goal at 13:19.

All three of these players coming up big was a great sign for Gordon and the Rams. It was the threesome's first game together since a shuffling of the lines due to a season ending injury to



The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team is enjoying another successful season.

(Jessica Stygles photo)

Tewksbury resident Ron Gordon. As a result of the injury, Buckley moved down from the first line to the second and at least for one game the result could not have been better.

"They did a great job together and I think they will continue to do so," Gordon said.

The Rams had taken a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Kyle Browne of Wilmington at the 2:49 mark and a goal by Jared Edeman at 13:23.

The Rams got 15 saves in net from freshman goalie Josh Sanchez. Sanchez moved into the starting goalie position when Tewksbury resident Steve Leighton was forced to miss a few games and he has solidified his spot between the pipes.

"He's been doing fine, particularly for a freshman," Gordon said. "He had the entire work load while Leighton was out, and he has done nothing to hurt himself. It's unfortunate for Steve because he has been forced into a backup role with how well Josh has played."

The 5-2 over Dover Sherborn was a dominating performance by the Rams with John Higgins scoring a pair of goals and adding an assist, while Browne continued his fine play with a goal and three assists. Buckley and

Dan Roy added goal and assist each.

"We didn't really know what to expect from them, but it turned out to be another nice win for us," Gordon said. "They hung around for a while even though we were getting the better of play. We were only up 2-0 at the end of the first period, but we took control in the second period with three goals."

The wins were all the more impressive for the Rams considering they had to bounce back mentally from a tough loss to Tyngsboro early in the week. The Rams suffered the 4-2 loss despite having 34 shots on goal. The score was tied 2-2 late in the second period when Tyngsboro took the lead and they maintained their one goal advantage until adding an insurance goal with 1:11 left in the game.

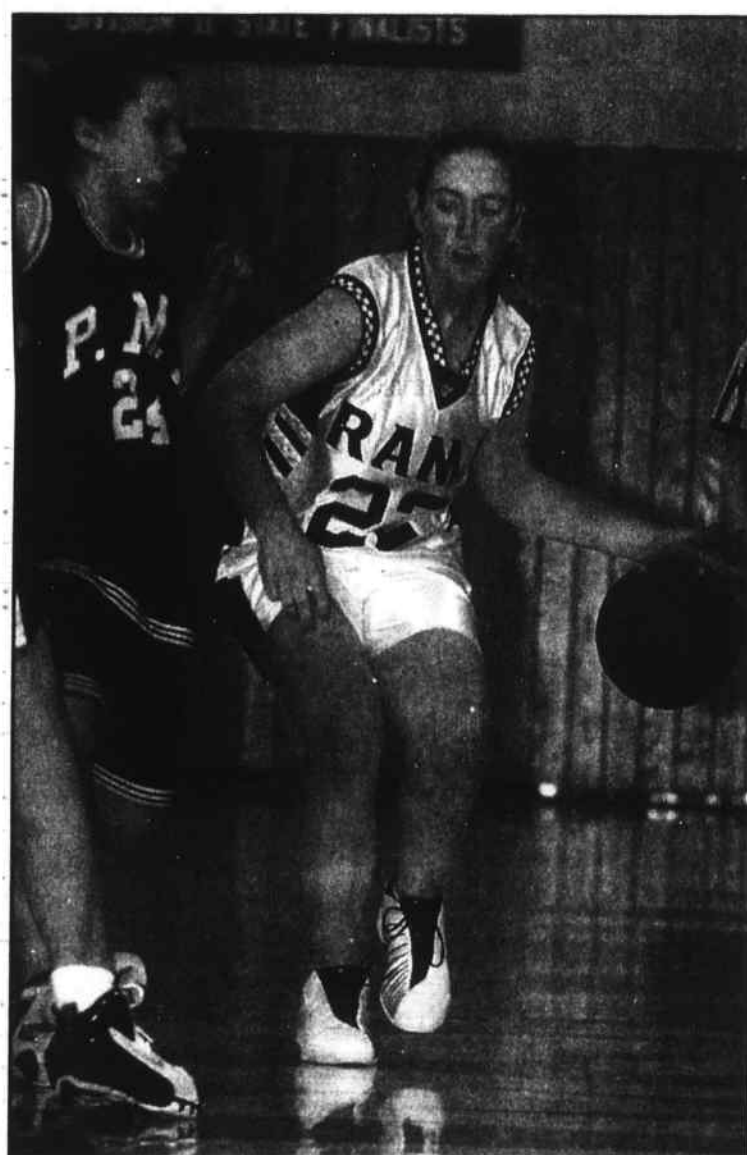
Roy and Browne had scored 39 seconds apart in the second period for the Rams goals.

"We had two thoroughly dominating periods, but unfortunately we let down in the third period," Gordon said. "It's disappointing because there was so much at stake, because a lot of our tough league games earlier in the season were aimed toward getting ready for this type of game."



The Shawsheen Tech co-ed swimming team has begun its season behind locals (from left to right) Joe Quilly of Tewksbury, Eric Doyle of Tewksbury, Brian Baptista of Tewksbury, Katie Hogan of Tewksbury, Monique Gagnon of Tewksbury and Melissa Tello of Wilmington.

(Jessica Stygles photo)



The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team will be taking on league rival Whittier Tech this week.

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Squirt C's remain busy with three youth hockey games

The Wilmington Squirt C hockey team had a busy weekend as they played 3 games including the Massachusetts state playdowns.

The team went 2-1 in the 3 games but unfortunately the loss was their 1st playdown game at the Loconte rink in Medford on Saturday night. That's where they ran into a tough Stoneham team who had beaten them by a goal in an Xmas tournament game. They also ran into a hot Stoneham goalie as he was the difference in the 5-3 loss.

Wilmington carried the play for a good part of this game but with the score tied at 3 Stoneham put two home late in the 3rd to advance to the next round. The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead in the game when Tommy Townsend made a nice rush down the left wing and made a perfect pass across the crease to Jake Russell and he put it away for a 1-0 lead.

Stoneham tied it up a minute later then would take a 2-1 lead early in the 2nd period but Matt DiOrio flipped one home from the right circle an unassisted tally to tie it up at 2. After Stoneham went ahead 3-2 Zack Maher jammed one home early in the 3rd to tie it after some hard work by Tyler Trites and Matt DiOrio. Stoneham would then get the game winner with 5 minutes left.

Other highlights for Wilmington would be the outstanding goal tending of Mike DiOrio as he made several brilliant saves in the net. Although the Wildcats out shot Stoneham, they are a chippy and dirty team that seems to create more quality chances when they get an opening. They walked in alone on DiOrio 3 or

4 times but he kept robbing them to keep the Cats in the game.

Also the line of Kevin Meuse, Stevie Ciampa, and Michelle Alonardo were buzzing around the whole game but couldn't light the lamp. They were either stopped by the goalie or by cheap penalties when they were hauled down on 3 different occasions, all 3 when they were heading for a great opportunity in the offensive end. Also playing well with nothing to show on the score sheet was forward Nick DiStefano as he was robbed by the goalie from close in as well. The defense also played very well against the fast Stoneham forwards as Brooks Carter and his crew of Tyler Maffei, Pat Brazell, and Mike Callahan all held their own.

After the disappointment of losing the playdown the night before, the Squirt C team showed what they were made of with a doubleheader sweep the next morning. First a 4-0 whitewash in a Valley League game against Andover, then a 10-4 blitzing of Hollis in a Dual State League game. In the Andover game at Ristuccia, goalie Mike DiOrio was the #1 star as he stood on his head between the pipes to record the shutout. He wasn't alone though as strong defense by Brooks Carter, Tyler Maffei, Pat Brazell, and Mike Callahan was the key to the game, as was as an opportunistic offense. Jake Russell scored twice in the 1st period and the Cats never looked back.

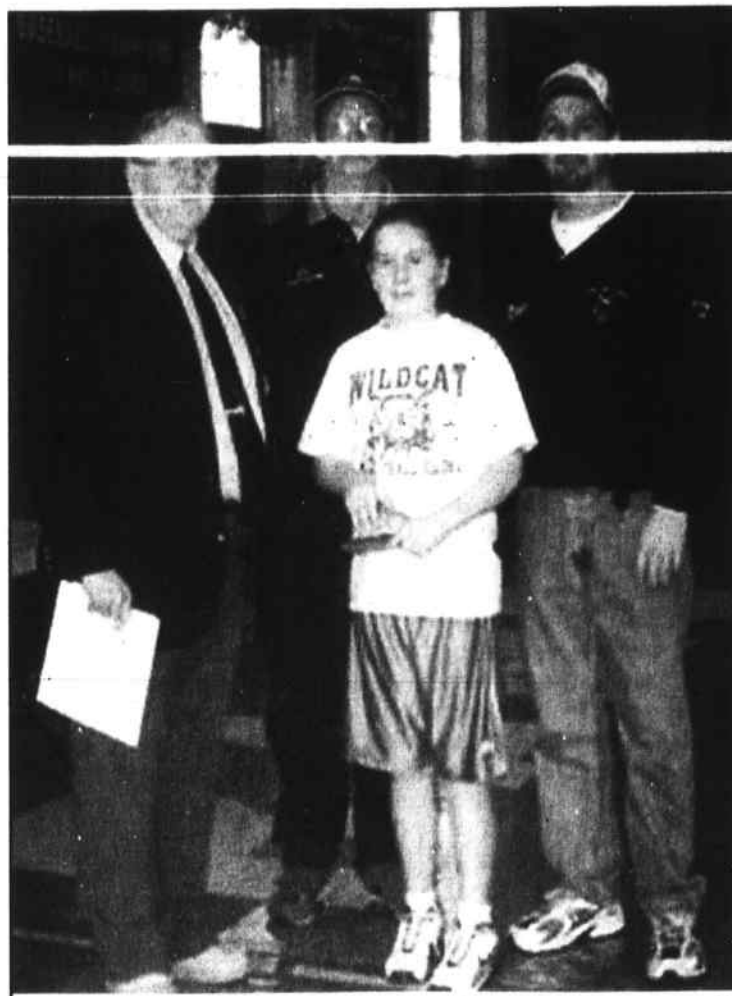
First Kevin Meuse set him up only 15 seconds into the game for a 1-0 lead, then an unassisted goal at 7:25 made it 2-0 after period 1. In the 2nd period hard working Tyler Maffei scored

unassisted to make it a 3-0 game, then in the 3rd period Nick DiStefano sent Stevie Ciampa in alone and he dished it over to Michelle Alonardo with a nice pass and Michelle deposited it for a beauty of a goal and the 4-0 final.

Then it was rush over to Hockeytown in Saugus for a matinee against Hollis in the Dual State League. Just like the earlier game Jake Russell started things early when he scored this time only 13 seconds into the game. The rout was on as everyone was on the score sheet for the Wildcats. Kevin Meuse had a hat trick and an assist, Nick DiStefano 2 goals and an assist, Zack Maher had 2 goals, Stevie Ciampa a goal and assist, Michelle Alonardo 2 assists, Tyler Trites 2 assists, and Matt DiOrio also had a helper.

The defense also found their way onto the score sheet when Brooks Carter scored on a wrist shot from the point and Tyler "The Bruser" Maffei added an assist. Also Pat "The Rock" Brazell, and Mike "The Mauler" Callahan played outstanding back on the blue line. Not to be forgotten in the rout was once again the solid play of goalie Mike DiOrio.

Despite the offensive onslaught in this game and the shutout in the earlier game, the real story of the day was how well this team responded after losing such a tough playdown game the night before. After leaving the rink with such disappointment the night before they all showed up the next morning raring to go. That's a true testament to all the players and coaches.



On Saturday th annual Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks Regional Hoop Shoot was held at the Shawsheen Tech High School gymnasium. Wilmington resident Erin Duffy won the 10 year old age group.

(courtesy photo)



On Saturday th annual Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks Regional Hoop Shoot was held at the Shawsheen Tech High School gymnasium. Wilmington resident Jessica Stuke won the 12 year old age group.

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K of C Free Throw contest, Jan. 27

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus, with the cooperation of the Wilmington Recreation Department and the Wilmington High School Athletic Department, is holding its annual K of C Free Throw Contest for boys and girls in the 10-11-12-13-14 age groups. Groupings are based on your age as of January 1, 2005.

There will be separate contests for boys and girls in each age group. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in each category and those winners may advance to District, Regional, and State shoot-outs.

Place: Wilmington High School Gym

Date: Thursday January 27, 2005

Time: Registration begins at 6:45PM

Shoot-out will begin about 7:15PM

(shooters will not be allowed to check-in after 7:30. We expect to finish by approximately 8:30)

We strongly urge parents and coaches to encourage their kids to come on down and give it a shot. It is an opportunity for the kids to perform in a competitive environment. Over the past 25 years, many Wilmington shooters have had success at the District, Regional and State level. Over the years, we have had several State Champions from Wilmington, including 2004 Champ Jessica Stuke.

Come on down and have some fun!

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Mite B's take on Medford

Mite B team lost a pressure packed game on Friday Jan. 14th when they faced Medford for a District play down. If the game had started just 4 minutes later the team would have won. The first goal was a surprise scored by Medford at just 9:42 and then they got a second goal off a bad bounce a minute later. The rest of the game Wilmington had the eye of the tiger. They showed off the skills they have acquired thus far into their rookie season. They kept the pressure on their opponent the entire game. Skating hard and maintaining their positions. Robert Fullerton picked up a loose puck for a break away and

scored a wrist shot goal at the close of the first period. A strong defense and aggressive skating put Wilmington in the scoring position a few times but the Medford goal tender was there to rob the glory. The final score of just 2 to 1 shows it was a strong defensive game. Goalie Glenn Sullivan was outstanding. His numerous stops caught the attention of the fans on both teams.

On Sunday Jan 16th the Mite B team won a scrimmage against Pentucket 3 to 1 and this certainly boosted the team's spirit. Goals were scored by Robert Fullerton, Kyle Callahan, and Joseph Marino. Justin Collins and

Brandon Gentile were an asset to the team for sure. They broke up many offensive plays and stood their ground against much larger opponents. Brody Curtis played goalie and since he was such a success with his many kick saves and dives he may want to play between the pipes in a future game. The team is showing that their weekly skills session and devoted coaches has made them better skaters and they are now able to set up plays and pass the puck for some exciting hockey for their fans.

Youth wrestling program begins season

Wilmington Youth Wrestling officially started their season at the Chelmsford Invitational on Sunday, Jan 9. Fifteen towns were represented in this K-8 round robin tournament.

Thirteen wrestlers represented Wilmington. Eight mats were up and running in this fast paced meet. The K-5 section saw many wrestlers place. Michael Russo, Riley Keogan, Ryan Colangelo and Cody Halliday all captured second place medals. Jimmy Lawson had a good time and took fourth.

The 5-8 section was divided

into Novice and Experienced. Tyler Strem lasted through 3 rounds in a hard fought final round, and took fourth. Greg Clarkin had 2 wild matches, winning the first by one point and the second in overtime, before being pinned in his final match. He settled for a silver medal. Chris Crupi did the unheard of and pinned his opponent in the second round, in his first ever meet. He took home a bronze. Frankie Sorrentino will be moving up to join brother Mike next year on the WHS Team. He took third place, but pinned his first oppo-

nent in 20 seconds. Brother Sean and Alex Furlong are following in their brother Matt's footsteps, too. They took third and fourth, respectively. Rookie John Arvanitis scored a win in his first match, and got bronze. John Parrella picked right up from last year, demonstrating excellent technique and earning silver. Another rookie, John Thompson grabbed fourth.

The team traveled to power house North Andover on Jan. 15.

Mite A's battle the cold

On Sunday the Wilmington Mite A team played Medford in a very cold Gore St. Rink. Tommy Thompson got things started for Wilmington. Tommy slammed home the puck after Jaime Hill passed the puck out of the corner for the only goal of the first period.

Medford got a lucky bounce for their first goal halfway into period two. After some nice defensive work by the pairings of Kevin Cummings and Zach Malatesta and Chris Sartori and Shane Brennan, Cody McGowan put the finishing touches on a nice pass from Richie Greenberg to put Wilmington back on top. But

Medford kept coming with a little over three minutes left in the period Medford scored to tie it up. Just before the end of the period Mark Albano steals the puck and goes in alone to beat the goalie and put Wilmington up.

Medford gets one more to end the second period at Wilmington 3 and Medford 2. Mark starts the third the way he ended the second period, 30 seconds in, with assists going to Shane Brennan and Tommy Thompson. Jimmy Davey in net made some incredible saves. Playing well at both ends of the ice were Joe Castellano and John Galasso.

Cody McGowan nets his second goal on a breakaway. He streaks in and puts the puck top shelf.

Medford put one more goal on the board only to have Chris Sartori seal the win for Wilmington on a great goal with his partner on defense Shane Brennan getting another assist.

All around this is a great win for the Mite A team against a tough Medford team. The passing and back checking show this team is starting to click and get what's being taught. This is a fun team to watch.

Fifth grade boys hoop team presses on

The Wilmington 5th grade A basketball team took care of two more opponents this week by winning one on the road and one at home.

Head Coach, Chuck Osgood, noted after their last loss that he and Coach Lentini needed to focus on breaking the press. Well, as expected, in their first game on Saturday at Pelham, New Hampshire, the Pelham Tigers came out after the tip off with a full court press.

The Wildcats started off slow with Pelham going up by as many as 8 points at one point. Wilmington's Vin Scifo then went to work getting many nice looks at the hoop and netting 14 points in the first half. Helping along the way was rebounding sensation Jacob Russo, who grabbed four in the first half and ten for the game, a team high. Cole Pepper contributed a well rounded game by hitting two points, eight rebounds, five steals, another team high, and two big blocked shots.

Also a force under the hoop was the reliable Kyle Peach, who managed seven boards and six points. Wilmington scrapped and clawed their way back to a two point deficit at halftime.

In the second frame, the Wildcats scored the first two buckets to give them their first lead of the game. Tim McCarthy and Michael Brent took charge of the offense with each getting six points and several steals that kept the game

close. On the defensive side of the ball, Kyle Albanese used his long arms to throw the Tiger center off his game and Philip Lentini harassed the opposing guards with his good hand checks.

Zack Reed came off the injured list and immediately contributed his defensive skills by tying up the Pelham forwards. Tom See and Jim Welch gave it their all with great hustle, especially in breaking the press.

Wilmington took a 42-41 lead late in the game. With 5.7 seconds showing on the clock, Pelham put in all of their shooters to attempt a buzzer beating victory. They took the ball out at half court and threw it into their best shooter at the top of the key. Wilmington's defense reacted quickly and efficiently but the shooter got away a clean shot before the buzzer sounded. The ball bounced off the rim, rolled around, and fell off and Wilmington held onto the victory 42-41.

On Sunday, Wilmington's two 5th grade travel teams met for the 1st time this season, with the A team in their road blue and the B team in their home whites.

The B team, coached by Steve Petinge, anticipated a tough match up against their A team friends. The A team took charge early and never looked back as they defeated the B team 30-11.

The A team was led by

Michael Brent with seven points, Tom See with six points and five steals, Tim McCarthy with six points and six rebounds, and Kyle Peach with six points, four boards, and three steals. On offense for B, John Parsons led with four points and eight strong rebounds as Brenton Bockus chipped in two points and six caroms. Steve Petinge also had a nice jumper for two points.

Leading A on the defense was Philip Lentini, Cole Pepper, and Jim Welch, as they disrupted B's offense with great hustle and many clean steals. The A team was very aggressive on the boards with Kyle Albanese grabbing five, Jacob Russo getting six, and Zack Reed leading the team with eight. Vin Scifo showed his quick hands as he led the team with six steals.

Leading the B team with ball handling was Matt Costello, Tom Broman, and Dan Collins. They also showed some good rebounding skills as Jaime Mara grabbed six and Justin Blier scrapped out three. The defense was led by Dan Keane, who was seen battling under the hoop most of the game.

The A team moved to 8-3 in Merrimack League Section play, keeping them in a tie for third place with Andover. The next game is next Sunday at WHS when Lowell pays the team a visit. Then we watch the Patriots manhandle the Steelers! Good job boys.

Fishing Expo, Feb 10-13 at DCU

Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition will be held at the DCU Center (formerly Worcester Centrum) in Worcester, MA. Thursday-Sunday, February 10-13, 2005.

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•For complete details, call 1-800-227-2067 or visit the show web site www.sportshows.com

Eighth grade girls roll to an easy victory

The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Travel Team rolled on to an easy win against a very well disciplined but slightly weaker Burlington team.

Tewksbury pretty much led the entire game, not giving Burlington much opportunity to score. With great boxing out and superb Man2Man defense Tewksbury shutdown many opportunities for Burlington to put points up on the board. Tewksbury really had it together offensively as a result of patience, good execution, being able to get the ball to the open player, and pushing the ball up the floor after great rebounds and successfully converting several fast break baskets. Tewksbury girls were not afraid to attack the basket and take the ball to the hoop.

With a 13-point halftime lead, Tewksbury strategized against a tough Burlington defense. The Redgals were not afraid to go after it. All the girls went to the floor for the loose balls not afraid to take the hit. Great anticipation defensively, great execution, and teammate help away from the ball was the biggest contributor to Burlington turnovers.

The combined defensive and offensive rebounds were 37, with 6 blocked shots, 5 assists and 11 steals demonstrates that Tewksbury plays great team basketball. The individual scoring was Michelle Layne, Mariah Messina, and Jessica

Pagonis each chipped in with 6 points along with great defense and passing, Kelcey Gill and Caitlin MacNeil each had 5 together with great rebounding and defense. Kelcey McLaughlin with 4 points and great steals and shot blocking, Caitlin DeFrancesco with 17 points and great boxing out, and defensive anticipation, Alice Zottoli with 3 points and some great steals, and Bianca Barboza and Casey Malone with outstanding floor leadership as well as defensive leadership.

Tewksbury hit 53% from the free throw line. Great win Tewksbury!

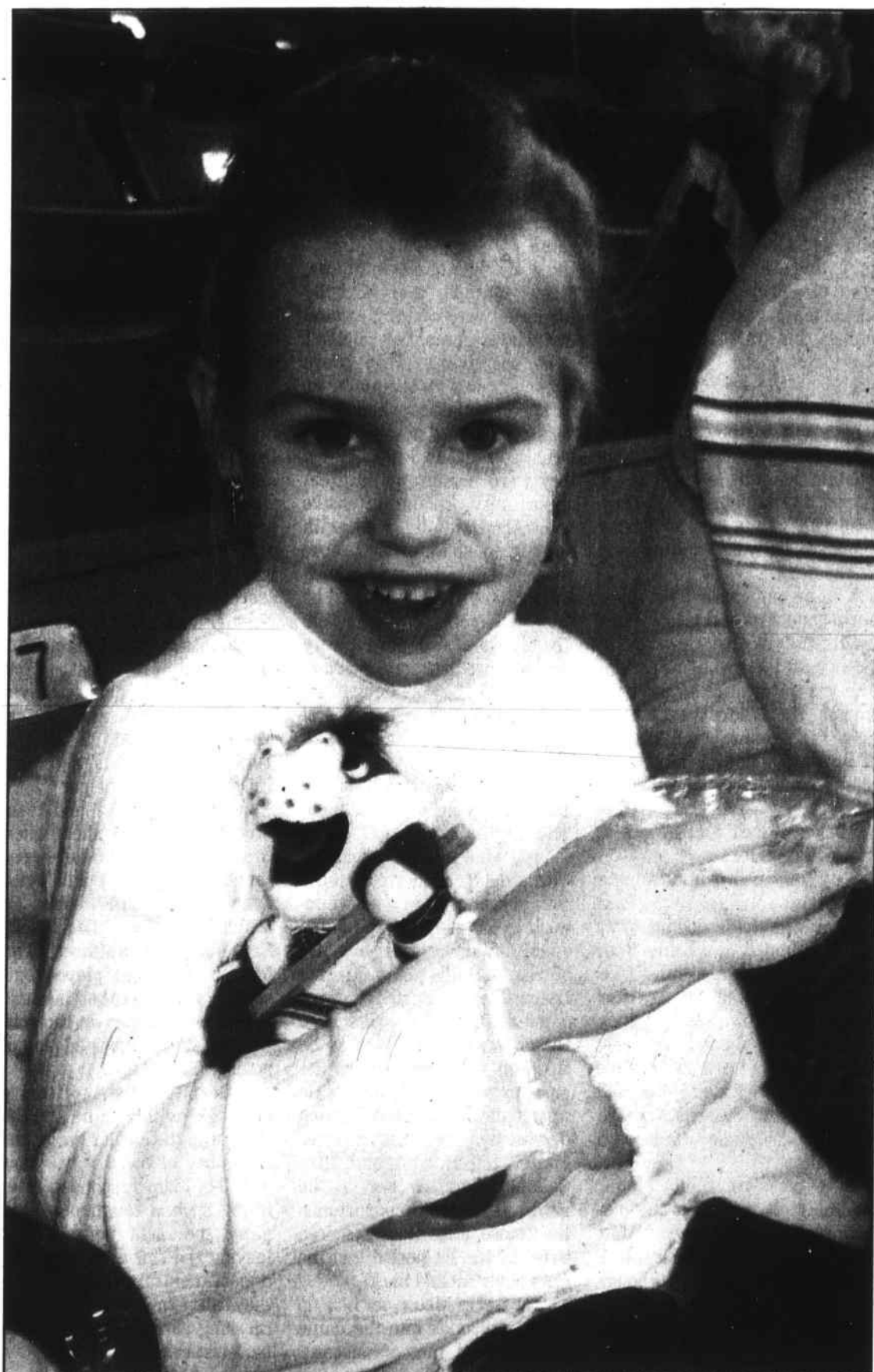
Coming off a big win against Burlington the night before, the Tewksbury 8th Grade Girls Travel Team traveled to The Landmark School to play Beverly. It appeared to be a continuation of the night before...only better.

The Tewksbury girls ran the floor extremely well. They got the rebounds, got the outlet passes out, filled the lanes, and made the pass to the open man with precision and marksmanship. They worked the ball very well underneath and made the intelligent passes right on the money. Beverly did had a few surprises of their own with great opportunities to capitalize on some offensive rebounds that they converted, despite a Tewksbury 8-0 run from the start.

Again defensively, Tewksbury possessed good ball anticipation and combined for 7 steals. They also combined for total of 54 rebounds, 6 blocked shots, and 7 assists. These girls played a very smart game. Every player contributed when his or her help was needed. If teammates were in foul trouble, other players stepped up and filled the void and making it appear seamless to the opponent. This was a very unselfish game by all players. This unselfishness spelled success in this contest.

Scoring for Tewksbury: Michelle Layne with 5 points and some key rebounding, Kelcey McLaughlin with 6 points and great boxing out and blocked shots, Casey Malone and Caitlin MacNeil each with 4 points and good passing, Caitlin DeFrancesco with a 12 point performance, Bianca Barboza with 2 points and some tremendous rebounding throughout the game, Alice Zottoli, Kelcey Gill, and Mariah Messina with great anticipation, floor leadership, and superlative rebounding and defense, and Jessica Pagonis with 16 points and good assists.

All in all one of the best all-around performances by these girls this season. They have really come into their own as they continue to prove that good fundamentals and great team play does win ball games! Nice job, girls!



Jacqueline Nottle age 6 of Tewksbury, enjoys an ice cream while watching the Lowell Lock Monsters hockey game on Sunday at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

TYSA announces meeting date

Tewksbury Youth Skating Association will be holding its Semi Annual Meeting on January 25, 2005 at the East Street Baseball Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more info, please visit www.tysaredmen.com or <http://www.tysaredmen.com>

Essex Baseball Club

The Essex BaseBall Club of Danvers is looking for anyone interested in playing baseball in the 1860s style. Join our first practice of the year on Saturday, January 29th at

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On Sunday, the Tewksbury Squirt II youth hockey team took a visit to Tsongas Arena in Lowell to watch the Lowell Lock Monsters hockey game. Alex Hogan, a member of the Squirt II team was able to greet Eric Staal, a member of the Lock Monsters team.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Tewksbury residents Robbie Goodell and Nicoo Riparo both 10, were caught celebrating a Lowell Lock Monsters goal while watching Sunday's game up in the press box at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

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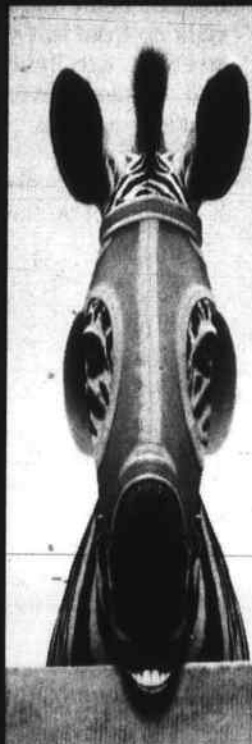
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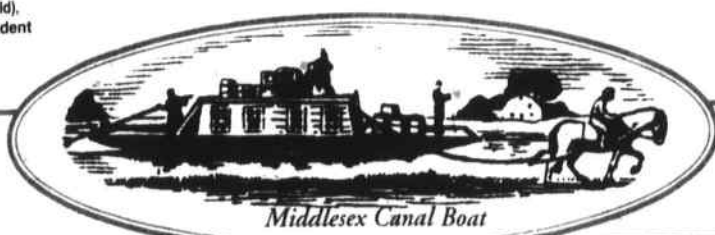
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Yankee Doodle Cloggers dancing up a storm

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

In today's world where the search for health and fitness alternatives is on-going for many people, the Yankee Doodle Cloggers may be able to provide a safe, fun way to get some good exercise and meet interesting people.

Cloggers' Vice President Margie O'Leary of Lowell said, "(Clogging) is a lot of fun. It's a great way to meet new people. A lot of us are like a big family."

She added, "Clogging is a very active form of exercise."

Clogging is also a good aerobic and, therefore, heart healthy form of exercise as Joanne Kelleher found out. After she had heart surgery in 2000, Joanne was told that the only exercise she could do was walking or dancing and going on her past experience, she chose dancing.

"I've done a lot of dancing throughout the years," Kelleher said. "Dancing is more fun (than walking). When we perform, we always go out to eat and socialize after the shows."

It has also become a family affair for Kelleher and others in the group. Joanne's daughter, Jessica, joined the group just a few months after her mother and O'Leary's sister, Pat Vicente of Revere is also a member.

Jessica has a dance background, having studied ballet, jazz and tap in her younger years. When she first joined she immediately "connected" with another member, Elizabeth Noble of Amesbury, who at 18 years-old, has been a member since she was 11 and is now one of the instructors.

"We connected with each other right away," Jessica said.

Now the pair works together in a couple of the dance routines the group performs.

O'Leary is a prime example that experience in dance is not needed to join the group. She had no dance background, when she finally decided to join six years ago after seeing the group perform in the Yankee Doodle Parade in Billerica and at the Topsfield Fair.

Joanne said, "This is very easy for anybody who doesn't have any training. We have a great teacher who starts out real slow."

For people who would like to try their "feet" at dancing, the



group is starting a new class on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. in the Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill Street, North Reading. Rehearsals are held at this location every Monday from 7 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

According to O'Leary, the first hour is for beginners. The group usually does about five shows per-year and on those weeks the performers rehearse on Thursday evening.

Joanne noted that beginners are not expected to perform in the shows. It usually takes a few months before they are considered for performance.

Jessica, at 19, is not the youngest member of the group, according to O'Leary, who noted the youngest member, is nine.

"They come at seven or eight years-old," O'Leary said.

The average age is about 50 years-old, according to O'Leary. She noted that two members are in their 80's and one is still dancing.

Although the group is mostly female, there are a couple of men who come regularly. O'Leary said the best instructors at the several workshops the groups attend throughout the year are males. Males would be welcome to join the Yankee Doodle Cloggers.

One male that is still active in the group, although he no longer performs, is North Reading's Gordon Hall. He and his wife, Pauline, were among the charter members of the group as it is today.

Hall recalled that the group had been performing for a couple of years before he and Pauline joined. However, when the couple that started the group was transferred to another part of the country because of work, the remaining members wrote up new by-laws and kept the Yankee Doodle Cloggers going.

"People of any age group are welcome," Hall said. "No matter what level of dancer you are, you're always welcome."

He added, "Some people, like myself, have never been good at it, but it is fun and good exercise."

Hall may not have considered himself as good, but he did perform in the shows at such venues as the Topsfield Fair and the Bolton Fair as well as the Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Parade.

The history of clogging has its roots in England. It is described as a "...percussive dance which began over 200 years ago, long before tap dancing, using the usual everyday footwear, clogs, wood-

en soled shoes with leather uppers.

"During the industrial revolution people moved away from their villages into the new towns. They left behind them the old traditions linked to agriculture and the turning of the seasons. But people still wanted to dance.

"In the mills you had to wear wooden soled shoes (leather soles rotted on the floors which were kept wet to keep the air humid). So people took their inspiration from the clatter of weaving machines and used their working shoes on the newly paved streets. Clog dancing became very popular with 'Champion Cloggers' and Music Hall performances.

"The Musicians accompany the stepping with a variety of instruments including accordion, concertina, melodeon, violin and whistle. They play traditional British tunes which would have been popular when the steps were being originally danced."

The American form of clogging, as performed by the Yankee Doodle Cloggers at local nursing homes and parades, is a mixture of Appalachian dancing with some Irish step dancing thrown in. The group does their dance steps to a mixture of music, including

cloggers to S-6



When I RETURNED HOME from the office last week, I immediately encountered my wife Kathy and said, "Great news! The boss gave me two TICKETS to a MUSICAL production in the city!"

"Gee, that's wonderful," my wife replied, "I'll start DRESS-ING RIGHT AWAY."

"That's fine," I said, "It looks like we'll be ON TIME for a change, since the tickets are for TOMORROW NIGHT..."

Folks, if you have one child, you're a PARENT. If you have two or more children, you're a REFEREE...

My friend Joe wears shoes from ITALY, socks from KOREA and shirts from TAIWAN. In fact, the only time that he's truly ALL-AMERICAN is when he visits the NUDIST CAMP!...

An instructor at a company-sponsored FIRST AID COURSE asked my pal George Guyette, "What would you do if you discovered that you had acquired RABIES?"

George smiled and said, "Well, I would BITE my SUPERVISOR!"...

Folks, as we slide down the

banister of life, may the splinters be pointing away from us...

In my experience, I've found that the only thing that those real LONG, DRAWN OUT DISPUTES prove is that both parties are WRONG!...

Bishop Sheen said this last week: "An ACTOR came home from the studio and asked his dramatic wife, 'How did it go today, dear?' 'TERRIBLE!' she exclaimed, 'MY children and YOUR children were fighting with OUR children!'"

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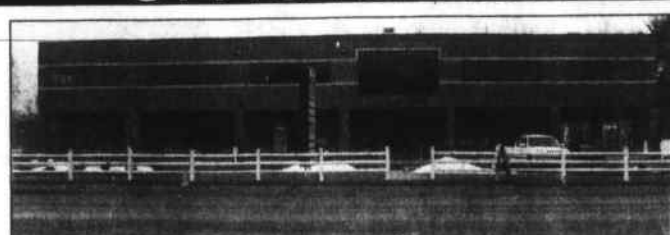


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BOSTON - Celebrating its ninth year, The Greater Boston Antiques Festival returns to the Boston area on Saturday and Sunday, January 22nd and 23rd 2004 at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington. With 162 antiques dealers from 10 states all under one roof, The Greater Boston Antiques Festival is the largest and most diverse antique show in metro Boston. This year's show features guest appraisals by Paul Royka - a nationally recognized expert, author and appraiser on the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow."

The Greater Boston Antiques Festival is one of New England's foremost antiques exhibitions known for the breadth, diversity and quality of the items exhibited. This premier event will feature hundreds of sought after antiquities from the 17th to the early 20th Century including Federalist and Victorian furniture, European and Asian ceramics, china, sterling silver, art, estate jewelry, antique toys and much more. The Greater Boston Antiques Festival has something for everyone from the casual collector or home



decorator to the experienced investor.

Thousands flock to the Greater Boston Antiques Festival each year to find collectibles, home décor, gifts and mementos. Notes Marvin Getman the show's producer, "Our show certainly offers rare and important antiques for the serious collector, but is also a great venue for the casual shopper to find decorative items, gifts and home accessories." Decorators can find in-demand antiques such as turn of the century kitchen appliances, antique maps and illustrations, unique sculptures, light fixtures and more.

Dealers exhibiting at the Greater Boston Antiques Festival come from all over the Northeast and beyond, and are selected for the quality of their items. Additional antiques available at the show include antique phonographs, Dresden figurines and other collectibles, Native American art and baskets, fine 19th and 20th century oil paintings, antique scientific instruments and books, sewing items, quilts and linens, British enamelware, antique walking sticks, historic flasks, American silver coins, antique lighting, European porcelain and Bohemian glass, silver heirlooms, Japanese art, period frames and mirrors, New England country and formal furniture, antique cupboards, brass bells, clocks, and 18th and 19th century vanity and desk accessories and other unique home furnishings.

Paul Royka is most widely known for his appearances on the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow" currently seen by 16 million viewers. He is also owner of Royka's Auctioneers & Appraisers (www.appraisal-day.com) providing auction and appraisal services of fine art,

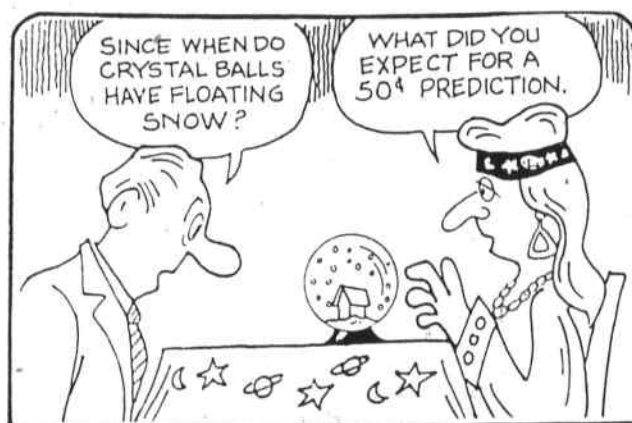
antiques & collectibles for private individuals, banks, trust departments, museums and institutions. The gallery is located in central Massachusetts and has served clients around the world. Mr. Royka is the author of two highly acclaimed antique reference books and has set numerous world records as an auctioneer. He has raised more than \$50,000 for charity with his appraisal clinics.

Paul Royka's Appraisal Clinics at the Greater Boston Antiques Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mr. Royka will appraise the first 100 items of the day. Attendees are limited to two items at a donation fee of \$5.00 per item. Proceeds will benefit Friends of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (www.dana-farber.org). No rugs, jewelry, coins or antiques please.

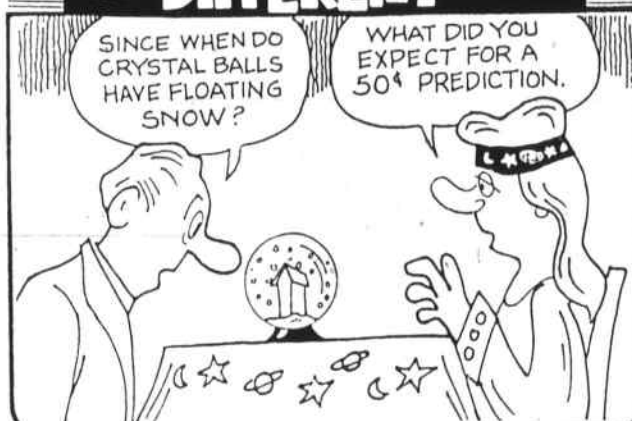
Admission to The Greater Boston Antiques Festival/Winter Edition is only \$7 per person. Early preview Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for \$10 admission. Hours are Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilm-

ington, MA, just 15 minutes north of Boston off interstate 93. Directions to Shriners Auditorium: Rte 93 (north from Boston or South from NH) to Exit #39, then follow the signs. For more information call (781) 862-4039 or visit www.NEAntiqueShows.com. Free parking is available for 1,500 vehicles.

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Movie Reviews "IN GOOD COMPANY"

MOVIE: "IN GOOD COMPANY"
GRADE: ***

The creative team behind the sweet comedy "About A Boy", the Weitz brothers (one half of whom is responsible for the hit "American Pie"), bring this smart comedy about today's changing work-force to the screen.

Dan Foreman (Dennis Quaid) is headed for a shake-up. He is demoted from head of ad sales for a major magazine when the company he works for is acquired in a corporate takeover. His new boss, Carter Duryea (Tophir Grace), is half his age--a business school prodigy who preaches corporate synergy. While Dan develops clients through handshake deals and relationships, Carter cross-promotes the magazine with the cell phone division and Krispity Krunch, an indeterminate snack food under the same corporate umbrella. Both men are going through turmoil at home. Dan has two daughters, Alex (Scarlett Johansson), age 18, and Jana, age 16, and is shocked when his wife tells him she's pregnant with a new child. Carter, in the meanwhile, is dumped by his wife of seven months just as he gets his promotion. Dan and Carter's uneasy friendship is thrown

into jeopardy when Carter begins an affair with Alex.

Grace is the star of this show, but Quaid shows a degree of self-deprecating humor he hasn't had on film before. The two capture the underlying fear of many in the workforce, being replaced by someone younger.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "MILLION DOLLAR BABY"
GRADE: ***

Director Clint Eastwood has a hit on his hands, so to speak, in this movie about boxing.

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

On the town in Winchester

"During the opening session of Town Meeting, the only motion to pass, other than six for indefinite postponement, was the Board of Selectmen's motion under Article 9 to transfer ownership of a two-family house to the selectmen for sale under the First Time Home Buyer program," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"In order to add to the town's housing stock of affordable housing, the Selectmen and the Winchester Housing Authority (WHA) undertook a joint venture agreement in which the latter purchased the property at 222 Washington St. last July using funds from the sale of 14 Reservoir St., which the town formerly used as low-income rental housing.

"The agreement included a provision that Town Meeting be given the choice of the WHA continuing to hold the title to the property for use as Section 8 housing or transferring the property to the selectmen to be condominiumized and sold to two qualifying first-time home buyers.

"The units could be sold at different maximum prices to qualify either under M.G.L. Chapter 40B or Executive Order 418. The maximum price under E.O. 418 is \$275,000, about \$116,000 above the 40B maximum price. The income level for selling a E.O. 418 unit is reportedly 120 percent of the median income.

"The Housing Partnership Board recommended that the two units be retained by the WHA for Section 8 rental housing or sold at the Ch. 40B price range...."

On the scene in Burlington

"At the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Robert Mercier announced the promotion of Steven Yetman to assistant fire chief," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Yetman, who moves up from the rank of lieutenant, succeeds Lee Callahan, who was promoted to chief.

"There were two candidates for assistant chief - Yetman and Capt. Michael

Nolan.

"Mercier said Nolan, the department's senior captain, withdrew from consideration, citing family reasons.

"The town administrator praised the caliber of the candidates, stating it reflects well on the Fire Department. He described Yetman as 'a real quality individual for us in the department.'

"Retiring Fire Chief Paul Thibault, on hand for the appointment as were many other members of the department, referred to Yetman as 'a very dedicated individual.... I think you made a wise choice.'

"These sentiments were echoed by Callahan, who commented, 'I look forward to working with him the next several years.'

"Mercier also named William Tolland and Michael Gledhill as firefighters. Both had been on the town's permanent intermittent list.

"Selectmen Chairman Albert Fay stated, 'It's a pleasure to see us beefing up the department.'"

On the road in Woburn

"After settling on a makeup of nine members, the City Council voted to establish a traffic commission for the city," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The commission will be comprised of one representative each from the following: the police department; the fire department; the department of public works; the city engineer's department; the planning department; the 'business community'; and a resident.

"There will also be two members from the City Council, giving the commission a makeup of nine members.

"Council members had debated various composi-

tions for the commission and ultimately decided not to accept a previous recommendation from the council's Charter & Rules Committee for a group with eight members.

"I'm concerned the number of eight makes it difficult for voting purposes," said Alderman-at-large Joanna Gonsalves.

"The final spot came down to either a second alderman or a representative from the Woburn Redevelopment Authority (WRA).

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Show hours are Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 23 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Camping and RV Show runs January 15 - 23. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 - 12 (under 6 free).

"A motion by Gonsalves to appoint a WRA member to the commission failed by a 6-2 vote, with only Ward 3 Alderman Scott Galvin joining Gonsalves in the minority.

"I definitely think there are other people we could add," said Ward 1 Alderman Charles Doherty. "(The WRA's) focus is only on certain areas of the city."

"A second motion to appoint a second alderman was approved by an 8-0 vote. Ward 2 Alderman James McSweeney was absent due to illness.

"Also, a representative from the City Clerk's office will serve the commission in an administrative capacity, and not as a voting member.

"The council added another amendment stipulating appointees will not receive any additional compensation from their service on the commission...."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city

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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

YOU CAN GET GOOD HELP THESE DAYS

Buy-a-brick in Tewksbury

"The Heath Brook School is currently involved in a number of fundraisers to pay for improvements to its playground," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"According to Fundraising Chairperson Diane Dunlevy, the Heath Brook School is the only elementary school in town that has not renovated its playground within the last ten to fifteen years."

"One of the fundraising programs initiated by the School's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a 'Buy-a-Brick' program. Each purchased brick will be engraved with the name of the individual or family responsible for that donation. All of the bricks will then be used to make a 3-section wall, ideally with each section to be four feet high and eight feet long, to be constructed under the Heath Brook School sign."

"According to Maura Rauseo, the Co-Chairperson of the Heath Brook School PAC, a number of bricks have already been purchased for \$50 apiece."

"By purchasing an engraved brick, you will be making a donation that will last a lifetime," Rauseo said. "Heath Brook families, past, present, and future, will be able to enjoy seeing the community spirit and support that has made this project a reality."

"Students have been given notices to take home to inform parents about the Buy-a-Brick fundraiser. Local businesses are being notified as well."

"Anyone interested in purchasing a brick may contact Maura Rauseo at 978-851-7545."

"We're hoping that there will be some Heath Brook School alumni that will participate also," Rauseo said.

"Local businesses have been stepping up to the plate for another one of the Heath Brook School's fundraisers. A mural is currently being painted in the lobby of the school that will depict Tewksbury and highlight the town's landmarks and businesses. Businesses will be included on the mural for a donation, with the prominence of each business naturally depending on the level of donation. The St. Williams Men's Club and Wal-Mart are the leading contributors to date."

"This mural will be seen by hundreds of people on a daily basis, from parents to teachers to residents attending events held at the school," Dunlevy said.

"Mindy O'Neil, a local artist and parent of a Heath Brook School student, is painting the mural. This is not the first time she has donated her talent to the school; several murals painted by O'Neil currently adorn the school's walls."

"We're very excited that she has donated her time and talent for this," Dunlevy said...."

Support Vanessa in North Reading

"Recently, the Induction Convocation for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at Northeastern

University was held in Blackman Auditorium, presided over by the chapter president Vanessa Russo," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Five hundred and seventeen new members were inducted. The Society is by invitation only to high achieving second and third year students."

"Initially Russo gave a welcoming address to start the program. Keynote remarks were by Robert Channing who everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Russo then introduced the new members and led them in the oath. In Russo's closing remarks, she urged everyone to be an active member and attend the first meeting of the year."

"Russo was a 2001 North Reading High School graduate and is now a junior in the nursing program. She is also a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and the president of 'Up Until Dawn,' a campus organization raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. She will graduate in 2006 with a B.S. in nursing and a minor in biology."

Save your spine in Stoneham

"A recent backpack check was held at the Stoneham Middle School," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"Five therapists from HealthSouth New England Rehabilitation Hospital (NERH) saw about 350 students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, weighing the children's backpacks, showing them proper backpack wearing tips, and offering instruction on how to pack them."

"Backpack safety is a critical but often overlooked issue, particularly in the lower grades. In fact, to avoid serious back injuries and spinal cord damage, it is important for parents to ensure that children not only have a 'safe' backpack but that they practice safe backpack wearing."

"Backpacks are designed so that the straps distribute the bulk of the load to the top of the shoulder. This area on the shoulder contains many nerves and blood vessels that help the arms, hands, neck,

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tion, he begrudgingly agrees to take her on.

Everything about the movie is crafted superbly, including Henry Bumstead's poetically gritty production design, Eastwood's low-key musical score and Morgan Freeman's graceful supporting performance as Frankie's washed-up-but-better friend. Even better is Swank's unpretentious, understated, quietly dignified performance - you find yourself believing every moment of what could have been a cliched and even maudlin role, and it sneaks up on you to deliver a devastating emotional wallop, a sucker-punch to the emotional center of your being.

back and head function properly. Consequently, carrying excessive weight in a backpack can cause serious health problems in children. And while everyone is at risk for such injuries, children stand to suffer more damage since they are experiencing physical growth and major development...."

site, produces all of the Department's publications, researches historical records of the varsity athletics program and maintains records and statistics for all teams and individual athletes. He also serves as the Chair for the college's Hall of Fame Committee and is responsible for conducting and overseeing the entire voting process. During the first five years he has developed a working sports information office along with elevating the technological capacity of the department.

Prior to his arrival to Upstate New York Hassard spent five years at WPI in Worcester, Mass. as its Sports Information Director where he was responsible for promoting 19 varsity teams. He was involved in the University's athletic booster club, Hall of Fame, alumni events and was responsible for promoting athletes for the Academic All-America program.

Hassard is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America and serves on the Academic All-America Committee, which he has done for nine years as a District Coordinator for various sports. During the five years he has been at Oneonta, 11 athletes have received Academic All-District 1 honors a total of 18 times. The college has been honored at the national level four times and has had six first team All-District 1 athletes. Hassard has also been a presenter on panels at the CoSIDA national convention.

Hassard is also a member of the ECAC Sports Information Directors Association and has served the organization in various capacities including being on the Rookie Committee and Membership Committee. He has been part of the local organizing committee for two professional workshops and has been on various panels and table topic discussions during his tenure. In 2006 he will serve as host to the ECAC-SIDA professional workshop, which has been awarded to the city of Oneonta.

A native of Stoneham, Mass., Hassard is a 1989 magna cum laude graduate of Bridgewater (MA) State College where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education and teacher's certification for grades 5-12. In 1990 he completed a Master of Education degree from

Springfield College concentrating in the area of athletic administration. Hassard has been an adjunct professor, and has coached at both the college and high school level in the sports of football, basketball, track & field and softball.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? The number is the same as the name of a hit television show.

THE BAY STATE RENEGADES GIRLS AAU BASKETBALL PROGRAM

will be holding tryouts Saturday, January 29 and Saturday, February 5, 2005 at the Masconomet High School Field House. Tryout times for ages 11, 12 and 13 are 6:30-8:00pm and for ages 14, 15, 16 and 17 are 8:00-9:30pm. There is a \$35 non-refundable tryout fee. For further information contact Dave Tucker at 781-593-0775

THE WINCHESTER SPORTS FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME

is now accepting nominations for the 2005 Hall of Fame. To be eligible for nomination, a player candidate shall have graduated from Winchester High School at least 10 years prior to his or her induction into said Hall of Fame. A player nominee shall have exhibited leadership, excellence, determination, sportsmanship, versatility, integrity, and met the academic requirements while a student at the Winchester High School. Send 2005 nominations to Maria Montuori-Pacific, 63 Shore Road, Winchester, MA 01890.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: In an NFL game, the home team is required to provide 24 footballs, though only about eight to 10 are actually used.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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ENTERTAINMENT AT COMEDY ESCAPE

Dick Doherty's Comedy Escape at the Doubletree Hotel in Lowell will present Paul D'Angelo and Dom Fig Jan. 21 and 22, Frank Santorelli, John David and Greg Rodrigues on Jan. 28 and 29; on Feb. 4 and 5 Louie Anderson, Jim Colliton and Dick Doherty will perform.

At the Beantown Comedy Vault the following entertainers will appear: Jan. 27, Greg Howell, Jan. 28 and 29 John Joyce and Jan. 30 Tom Dustin hosts Open Mike night. Feb. 3 Greg Howell, Feb. 4 and 5 Chris Oakes and Feb. 6 Joe List hosts Open Mike Night.

For more information and reservations call 800-401-2221. www.dickdoherty.com.

YANKEE DIVISION NORTH SHORE CHAPTER

The 26th (Yankee) Division Veterans Assn. (YDVA) is having its 86th Annual Convention/Reunion at the Eisenhower Inn, Gettysburg, Pa., June 16-18.

Anyone who served in any unit of the 26th at any time, their families and friends, are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Robert Raney, Committee Chairman, 27 Forest St., Peabody, Ma. 01960-4138, 978-531-2257.

CAROLYN LATANISION AT LYNNFIELD ART GUILD

The Lynnfield Art Guild (LAG) is proud to announce that renowned artist Carolyn Latanision, designated a "Copley Artist" by The Copley Society of Art in Boston and a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society and the New England Watercolor Society, will demonstrate her work on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the totally refurbished Lynnfield Senior Center, 525 Salem St., Lynnfield.

Ms. Latanision is a member of the National Assn. of Women Artists and the Hudson Valley Art Assn., and serves as a juried member of Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club in NYC.

People and architecture fig-

ure prominently in her work, which frequently depicts urban scenes and uses the strength of buildings and the abstract patterns of light to make statements about the complexities of the times in which we live.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and this is also an opportunity to meet the other area artists. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. For more information call 781-334-7145.

"PLANNING FOR DEATH AND DYING"

On three consecutive Sundays All Saints Episcopal church, Stoneham will sponsor a series of forums related to issues around death and dying.

Jan. 23 Ellen Robinson, nurse ethicist, will lead a conversation and workshop on "How to Set Up a Health Care Proxy."

A Health Care Proxy is a person you give legal permission to make major healthcare decisions for medical treatment or the withholding of treatment when you are incapacitated from making such decisions for yourself.

Topics to be discussed will include dying with dignity. On Jan. 30 Erin Alarcon, a practicing lawyer from Methuen, will lead a conversation and discussion around "Legacy Giving: Good Work Beyond the Grave."

Legacy Giving involves making provision in your will to provide financially for institutions that are meaningful in your life, such as your church. Focus will be on giving to church communities but the information could be applied to other types of Legacy Giving.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, the Rev. Kim Hardy, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church will give a brief presentation entitled "Plan Ahead, Beat the Rush." She will speak on the importance of preparing with a written document for your funeral so that your relatives and loved ones will not have to make arrangements or guess at what your wishes might have been for your funeral.

For more information call 781-438-2776. All Saints Episcopal Church is located at

79 Central St., Stoneham.

BOSTON PIANIST JOHN FERGUSON PERFORMS

On Saturday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. the Music Department of Phillips Academy will present a piano recital featuring John Ferguson. The concert will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus. The program will feature Frederic Rzewski's (PA'54) The People United Will Never Be Defeated.

Rzewski's work, composed in 1975, is a one hour set of variations on a Chilean protest song. The piece is among the masterpieces of 20th century music. Its scope and impact rival Bach's "Goldberg" and Beethoven's "Diabelli" Variations.

This concert is free and open to the public. Graves Hall is Handicapped accessible. For more information contact the Music Dept. at 978-749-4263.

CONTRA DANCE

ON JANUARY 29

The Ivy Chord Coffee House proudly presents an evening of entertainment with Gender-Free Contra Dance with Sarah Gregory Smith as caller on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 7 p.m. with general instruction and 7:30 p.m. dance.

No experience necessary, great for all ages. No partner necessary. Sit-in musicians welcome.

The charge is \$5 per person, \$15 max per family.

This event is sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Committee and the Ivy Chord Coffee House at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St.

For more information call 781-044-0494 Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. to noon or 781-229-9394 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. www.uureading.org.

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BURLINGTON TEMPLE HOSTS TOT SHABBAT

Temple Shalom Emeth, Burlington will host a Tot Shabbat on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. at the temple. This month the theme is "Shabbat" and all children can join as they make Shabbat boxes and candlesticks.

Tot Shabbat is open to all families with children ages 5 and under. Older siblings are always welcome. The Shabbat service, craft activities and snacks are free.

Temple Shalom Emeth, located at 16 Lexington St., Burlington is a reform synagogue, serving Burlington and the neighboring communities. For additional information call 781-272-2351 or www.uahc.org/ma/tse.

WOBURN HOCKEY ALUMNI 50TH REUNION WEEKEND

A 50th reunion weekend is planned for Woburn High hockey alumni and friends on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 18, 19 and 20.

A Gala Reception will be held on Friday at the Woburn Elks Home on Washington St in Woburn starting at 6:30 pm.

There will be old photos and memorabilia on hand followed by a buffet roast beef dinner with all the fixins.

This will be followed by a comedy show for 45 minutes followed by dancing. The cost is \$25.

On Saturday a second reception will be held at the Woburn Moose starting at 5:00 pm. At

6:00 pm the Woburn High Girls team will play Winchester at the O'Brien Rink. The boys will also play Winchester at 8:00 pm.

Prior to this game all WMHS hockey alumni will be asked to take the ice.

Following the game there will be a pizza party again at the Moose for alumni and friends and girl and boy players from this year's squad.

On Sunday morning those who wish may meet at the Greene's Grill at Woburn Country Club for a brunch.

Any questions call Ted Barrett 781-932-9107, Jack

Cagnina 781-942-1766, Dick Haggerty at 781-933-4997 or Joe Upton at 781-933-2459.

YANKEE DOODLE CLOGGERS CLASS
The Yankee Doodle Cloggers of North Reading will be starting a new beginners class on Saturday, January 22nd.

Any age can join the group which meets at 148 Haverhill St., No. Reading.

The will also be a new class for boys and girls from 7 to 18. For information call Margie O'Leary at 1-978-441-9666.

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ONE OF THE MANY BEAUTIFUL HOMES IN THE AREA is Warren Jackson's Farm and sleigh on Haverhill Street in North Reading on the Reading line.

(Don Young photo)

Woodchips from S-1

That's where the supporting beam slipped off the foundation wall. Needs MINOR REPAIR. The leg of the upstairs bathtub protrudes through the kitchen ceiling on the first floor.

• PATIO - The site where the CEMENT TRUCK TIPPED over.

• "BROOK ON PROPERTY" - This really means that WATER runs through the BASEMENT each and every time it rains.

• "HAS MANY EXTRAS" - Translation: There's ten COAT HANGERS in the hall closet, a corn BROOM in the kitchen, and two MOP handles that were left behind by the PREVIOUS OWNERS....

I know why youngsters tend to BRIGHTEN up a HOME - they never remember to TURN OFF the LIGHTS when they've left a room!...

PERSONALITY WINNERS

Nathan Pierce, Danielle Murkinjanian, Jessica Ferguson, Kristen Costa, Michelle Porchetti, ALL OF BURLINGTON.

Sara Houlihan, Meghan Neary, Lori Precourt, Leslie Carey, Nancy Olsen, ALL OF LYNN-

FIELD.

Bob Maureri, Ted Neals, Mark Favaloro, Anthony Cota Jr., John Murphy, ALL OF NORTH READING.

Alice Luongo, Dora Rufo, Trudy Bourke, Carol Amico, Ruth Goldberg, ALL OF READING.

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Francie Hoffman, Kristine Moore, Sarah Bonomo, Kim O'Toole, Amanda Kleschinsky, ALL OF TEWKSBURY.

Lisa DeSisto, Robert Vita, Jimmy Brennan, Tom Markham, Amoroso Cefalo, ALL OF WAKEFIELD.

Marissa Bortolino, Michael Aronofsky, Louis Auciello, Jennifer Earles, Stefanie Gable, ALL OF WILMINGTON.

Nick Koup, Brian Roy, Jeff Keady, Mary Carpenter, Father Dick Messina, ALL OF WINCHESTER.

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DREAMBOATS

Julie Leone of BURLINGTON, Jenna Tracia of LYNNFIELD, Carol Hughes of NORTH

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SUPERSTARS

Dan Trahan of BURLINGTON, Jessica Dolbeare of LYNNFIELD, Klaus Kubierschky of NORTH READING, Carol Rogers of READING, Bob Powers of STONEHAM, Patrick Legro of TEWKSBURY, Arthur Brown of WAKEFIELD, Jillian Abell of WILMINGTON, David Bigelow of WINCHESTER, and Ruth Gnonemeyer of WOBURN.

The PARADOX OF AGE: The YOUNG always want to be OLDER, while the OLD always want to be YOUNGER. Folks, the grass is always greener...

Captain Anthony LoConte, in charge of the Wellington Circle MDC POLICE STATION, had the dispatcher send out this RADIO MESSAGE: "Attention all cars. Be on the look-out for a BANK ROBBER with ONE EYE, named Bernie."

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Cloggers from S-1

country, American Songbook standards and Irish.

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According to O'Leary, the group's dancing is, "Sometimes its called flat-foot dancing. You do it basically on your flat feet not on your toes."

O'Leary added that many new members do not buy shoes, which can cost as much as \$60, right away. They come to a few rehearsals first to see if they will stick with it.

Joanne, Jessica and O'Leary agreed that one of the fun aspects of the group is the traveling they get to do. This entails attending several workshops throughout the year, such as the upcoming one in February in Portland, Maine.

"We go to the workshops to learn from others," O'Leary said.

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died back, "Do you know what the OTHER EYE is called?"...

A HANDSOME INTERN at the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham said to a BEAUTIFUL NURSE, "MARRY ME! You're too BEAUTIFUL for WARDS." Get out the ASPIRIN, folks...

General Omar Bradley said, "The CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR has never been awarded to anyone for what he SAID on the BATTLEFIELD..."

If I were to name all of the SHIPS I was on during WORLD WAR II, it would probably fill half of this column! That's because the skippers could NEVER UNDERSTAND my SENSE OF HUMOR.

For example, on my first day on the Seaplane Tender, U.S. Matagora, the captain asked me, "WHAT'S PORT?" I saluted sharply and replied, "I think it's a RED WINE, Sir."

That was the start of a LONG SERIES of TRANSFERS and I finally ended up on the navy oiler called the Allygash; where I SLIPPED, SKIDDED AND SLID across her decks which were slick with oil. This lasted until I was DISCHARGED in 1945...

The most ARGUMENTATIVE YEAR of my marriage was the very first year, followed by the second and third, and so on and so forth...

A HAPPY MARRIAGE consists of love with a little bit of

SIGHING, CRYING and a great deal of LYING...

The wonderful Father Bob Burns had a COMPLAINT for me last week. He said, "Chipper, your COLUMN is like birdshot - you NEVER can stay on TARGET. You're here, you're there and everywhere, but you NEVER seem to tell a COMPLETE STORY."

"Okay, okay, I guess you're right, Father Burns. However, the TITLE of this column is WOODCHIPS."

Maybe other readers would like to comment, because I could make it a ONE STORY-COLUMN, but I really don't think that would be true to life. After all, life is comprised of MANY short STORIES, or CHIPS.

Send those comments to Woodchips, 68 Bosson Street, Revere Beach, MA, 02151. I will RESPOND to EVERY ONE - Oh, yes I will...

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Before I married Kathy, I told her that I wasn't GOOD ENOUGH for her. For the last thirty years, she has REMINDED me nearly every day that I was right!...

A SMART HUSBAND is one who REMEMBERS his wife's birthday but FORGETS which one it is!...

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Hospice Care, Inc. on February 14, 15, and 16, 2005.

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The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.
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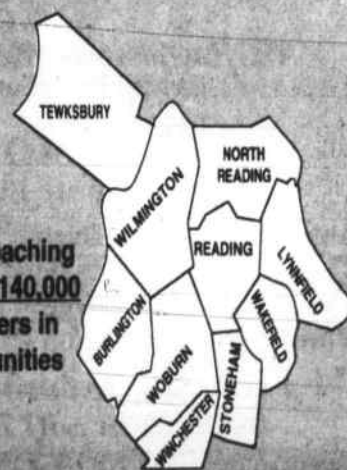
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variety of different living situations. It is assessed as a "single" family residence with a in-law wing. The solid 2 x 6 construction offers almost 4,000 sq. ft of living space with 13 rooms, 4 bedrooms, and 5 baths.

Upon entering the property there are 2 driveways, one

sweeping up to the front door, and the other accessing the backyard, shed and oversized 3 car garage. The 40x28 garage with 2x6 construction has a workshop with electricity, air compression availability, and plenty of space for the tradesman, hobbyist, machinist, or mechanic. There is "pull down"



stairs to access the space above the garage for added storage. There is ample parking for the largest needs.

Walking up the front walk you are immediately impressed with the presentation of the house. Entering the front door,

the natural oak wood surrounds this beautiful home. The gleaming hardwood floors, natural trim, and solid doors are all in pristine condition. The formal living room is to your left and formal dining room with chair rail on your right, just perfect for entertaining your special guests. Down the foyer hallway you enter the family room with open concept to the breakfast area, and natural oak cabinet kitchen with gas stove. This is

perfect for family time. There are sliders to the 40 x 10 deck in the back of the house. Down the hallway off the kitchen to the right "wing" of the house is a library area, study, full bath, and oak cabinet mudroom, with separate door to the deck.

On the second floor you have a gorgeous master bedroom with large walk-in closet, and lovely full bath. There is also an additional large unfinished area that could be done to your special liking. There

are many closets for the largest of families. The oak staircase wraps around to the additional bedrooms, and over to the "walk up" attic. The full attic is enormous and very usable.

In the left "wing" of the house there is a full two-story in-law apartment. It has a separate front door, backslider, and stairs to the basement.

There is a formal living room, a large family room/din-

Sampler to S-8



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READING - NEWLY REPRICED



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READING - NEW LISTING



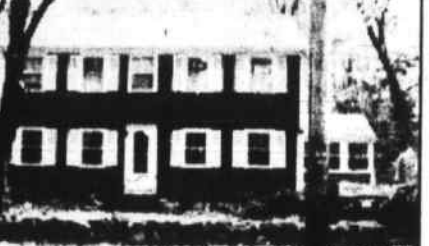
This stately & impressive, always admired, west side Col is truly a dream home. Gorg new granite, hi-end kit, beau gumwood, HW flrs, FP'd LR & library, blt-ins, fr drs, 2 staircases, more. \$789,900.

NORTH READING - PICTURE-PRETTY



Adorable 7RM, 3BR, 1 1/2BA, triple-dormered Cape in lovely setting. Tastefully decorated, updated oak kit & BA's, HW flrs, new roof. Seller to provide new septic. Town's best value. \$374,900.

READING - BEST VALUE



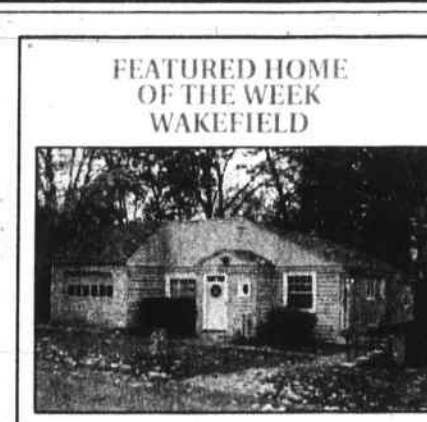
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~ Real Estate Transfers ~

-BURLINGTON-

Median Price: \$391,000

86 CAMBRIDGE STREET was sold to Paul Roiff by Gansett Corp. for \$2,500,000.

8 GIBSON STREET was sold to Anthony and Judy Dattilo by

Tancroft Ft. and Norma J. Tancroft Tr. for \$460,000.

22 MICHAEL DRIVE was sold to Nijaz and Senbina Ruhotina by Ipswich Estates T. and Robert W. Murray for \$790,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$489,600

150 WALNUT STREET was sold to Mary E. Dunn by Jennifer L. Guarino and Richard A. Guarino II for \$545,000.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$418,000

40 ADAM STREET was sold to John W. Noble and Lawrence E. Tremblay by Robbins Ft. and Gail A. Robbins for \$150,000.

81 BURROUGHS ROAD was sold to Smith Sons Plumbing and Heating by Norman R. Litchfield for \$250,000.

8 LAURELTON ROAD was sold to Town of North Reading by Cheryl L. Fritts and James F. Fritts for \$7,500.

40 MAIN STREET U:3 was sold to Carl A. Wold Jr. and Dorothy A. Wold by John Celata for \$82,900.

8 SWAN POND ROAD was sold to James Toothaker by Mary R. Valentino and Ralph D. Valentino for \$290,000.

-READING-

Median Price: \$420,000

51 MARK AVENUE was sold to George and Maureen Schleuber by Laurie A. Marshall and Michael S. Marshall for \$400,000.

-STONEHAM-

There are no real estate transactions to report this week in the Town of Stoneham. Check next week's edition of the Middlesex East Supplement for the latest real estate news.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$347,500

1523 ANDOVER STREET was sold to Venise N. Vital and Lavinir Vital by Thomas P. Kelley and Jane A. Kelley for \$430,000.

76 BOGIE WAY U:112 was sold to Mary L. O'Brien by James H. Clancy Jr. and Susanna M. Clancy for \$365,000.

72 BRENTWOOD ROAD was sold to Patricia and Daniele Barasso by Chih-Yung Huang and Wen-Chih Shih for \$490,000.

5 CHAMPION STREET was sold to Marie Morrison Tr. and Marie T. Marotta by Jean M. Marotta for \$400,000.

215 CHAPMAN ROAD was sold to Edgard M. Velloso and Janet E. Velloso by Wadanoli Hayward Lt. and Michael D. Wadanoli Tr. for \$352,000.

1830 MAIN STREET U:1 was sold to A. Schoengerg Supp. Need T. and Alex L. Moschella Tr. by Xiansheng Jiano for \$102,500.

-WAKEFIELD-

There are no real estate transactions to report this week in the Town of Wakefield. Check next week's edition of the Middlesex East Supplement for the latest real estate news.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$355,000

236 BURLINGTON AVENUE was sold to Brian M. MacDonald

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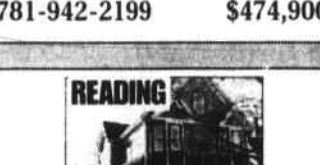
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Cheryl Callahan



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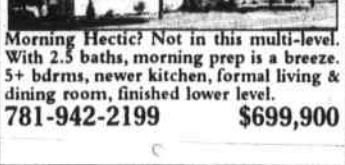
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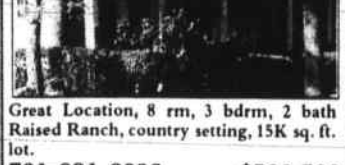
Judy Strout



Katya Vogls



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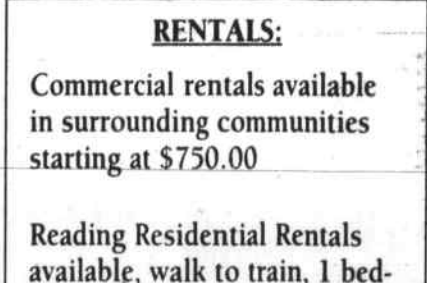
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Prior to obtaining her real estate license, Drossos worked as a registered nurse for a total of fourteen years, and then went on to serve as a marketing manager of a visiting nurse agency, where she worked for a total of seven years.

In joining Happy at Home Realty, Drossos has also joined the Multi-Listing Service Property Information Network (MLS PIN).

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Drossos is also a member of the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

Drossos currently resides in Burlington with her husband and daughter and she looks forward to serving her clients and customers when it comes to their real estate needs.

Maureen Drossos can be contacted at Happy at Home Realty, located at 178 Park Street in North Reading, by calling 978-664-5777 or online by sending an e-mail to maureenpd@rcn.com.

Transfers from S-8

and Holly E. Bedrosian by Jay P. Rowe and Jean M. Rowe for \$349,900.

19 DOROTHY AVENUE was sold to Robert H. Bentley by John and Tracy Perrino \$355,000.

210 FEDERAL STREET was sold to Efstratia E. Chronopoulos and Anastasios N. Chronopoulos by Tommy and Maria Derrico for \$420,000.

18-B GRAND STREET was sold to Punam Rawat by P&G Rt. and Robert G. Peterson Tr. for \$410,000.

4 HILLTOP ROAD was sold to Thomas J. Ducey and Katie A. O'Connor by Robert A. Ducey for \$350,000.

3 PINE RIDGE ROAD was sold to Michael Tkachuk by David P. Woods and Shannon E. Woods for \$2,500.

2 ROBERTS ROAD was sold to James D. White and Hyla G. White by Anna M. St. Louis and Anna M. Gray for \$410,000.

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-WINCHESTER-

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7 CONANT ROAD U:65 was sold to Hui Yang and Wei Wang by Ronald Kossow for \$392,000.

34 OAK STREET was sold to Lin K. Ye and Z. Hui by Carol A. Romboli and Francis J. Gaudioso for \$390,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: \$357,500

390 MAIN STREET was sold to A. Cobb Properties LLC by Kayman Rt. for \$1,160,000.

45 MERRIMAC STREET U:13B was sold to Andrea C. Dinis and Steve N. Dinis by Henry J. Rosati for \$270,000.

76-78 WARREN AVENUE was sold to Samantha McLaughlin by David F. McNary and Moire L. McNary for \$457,000.

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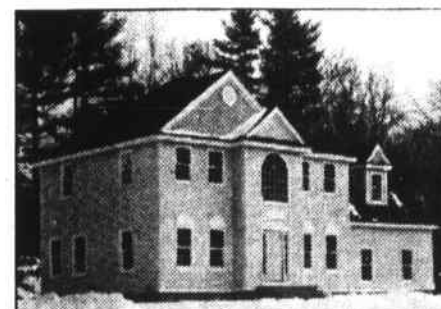
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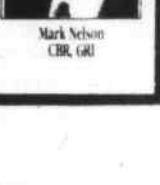
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Real Estate career, and his customers and clients appreciate his honesty, sincerity and sense

of humor" says co-owner Rick Nazzaro. "He is well liked and respected among his peers who know that when Ron is involved in a transaction, it is sure to go smoothly" adds co-owner Botticelli. Ron is a member of the Middlesex Association of Realtors, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Should you have any questions regarding Real Estate, please give Ron a call at (781) 944-6300 or (978) 664-5857, or visit the office at 127 Franklin Street in Reading (across from HomeGoods). He is ready and well-prepared to help you with all your Real Estate needs.

Marchese joins Realty Executives

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Debbie is married to Victor Marchese, formerly of Stoneham, and has a 3-year-old daughter. Debbie is a detail oriented, organized people person, ready to help with your real estate needs.

Debbie can be reached at REALTY EXECUTIVES Northeast, 364 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 978-657-7010 x342.

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The Chamberlain Group Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of garage door openers and accessories, has introduced a new garage door opener battery back-up system to help ease homeowner's minds should a power failure occur.

The EverCharge battery back-up system model 475LM created to work with the LiftMaster Estate Series model 2500 garage door opener, will keep the garage door opener and wireless keypad running for up to two days in the event of a power outage, allowing for uninterrupted access using the wall control panel, remote control and wireless keypad.

"There is no guarantee against a blackout - as evidenced by the summer outage that affected millions of people across the Northeast and into Canada," said Ken Rochl, vice

president of marketing for Chamberlain Professional Products.

"People want to feel secure knowing that they and their families can access a home during a power outage. The new battery back-up system is the perfect way to offer that security by providing uninterrupted garage door operation."

All vital security functions like the automatic safety reverse function, remains working when the garage door opener is working off battery power.

Looking for other ways to safeguard you and your family against the next inevitable power outage? Prepare today by gathering a few basic emergency supplies and placing them in an emergency kit that's easy to locate in the dark.

Suggested items for an emergency kit include:

- A corded phone (cordless phones don't work when the power is out.)
- Bottled water
- Canned or dried food (and can opener)
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Tickets are \$15. Allen Combs will be the director with full orchestra; Barbara Kilduff, soprano, Arthur Rizzo, tenor; Sumner Thompson, baritone.

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SUMMER CAMP FAIR ON JANUARY 30TH

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The Pike School is located at 34 Sunset Rock Rd. in Andover.

FACULTY RECITAL FOR CLARINETIST

Winchester Community Music School will have a faculty recital featuring clarinetist Michael Norsworthy with pianist Tali Morgulis on Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

The Winchester Community Music School is located at 407 Highland Ave., Winchester. Free admission. For information call 781-721-2950 or www.winchestermusic.org.

NARFE CHAPTER 507 MEETS MONTHLY

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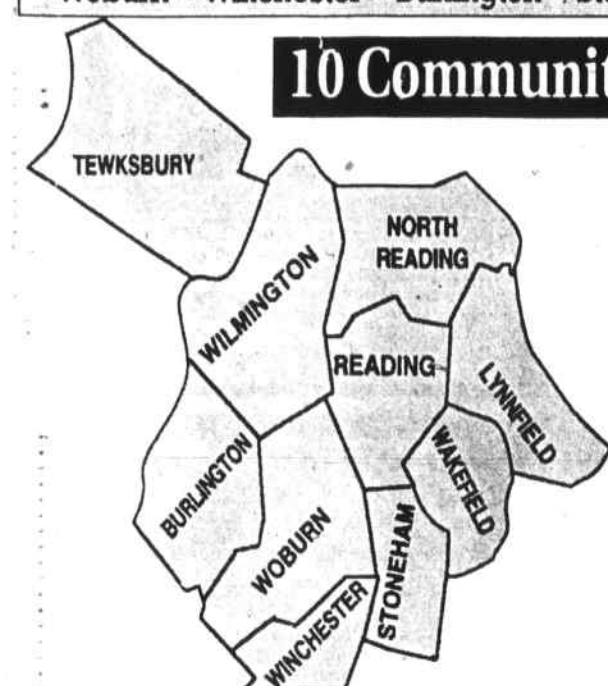
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